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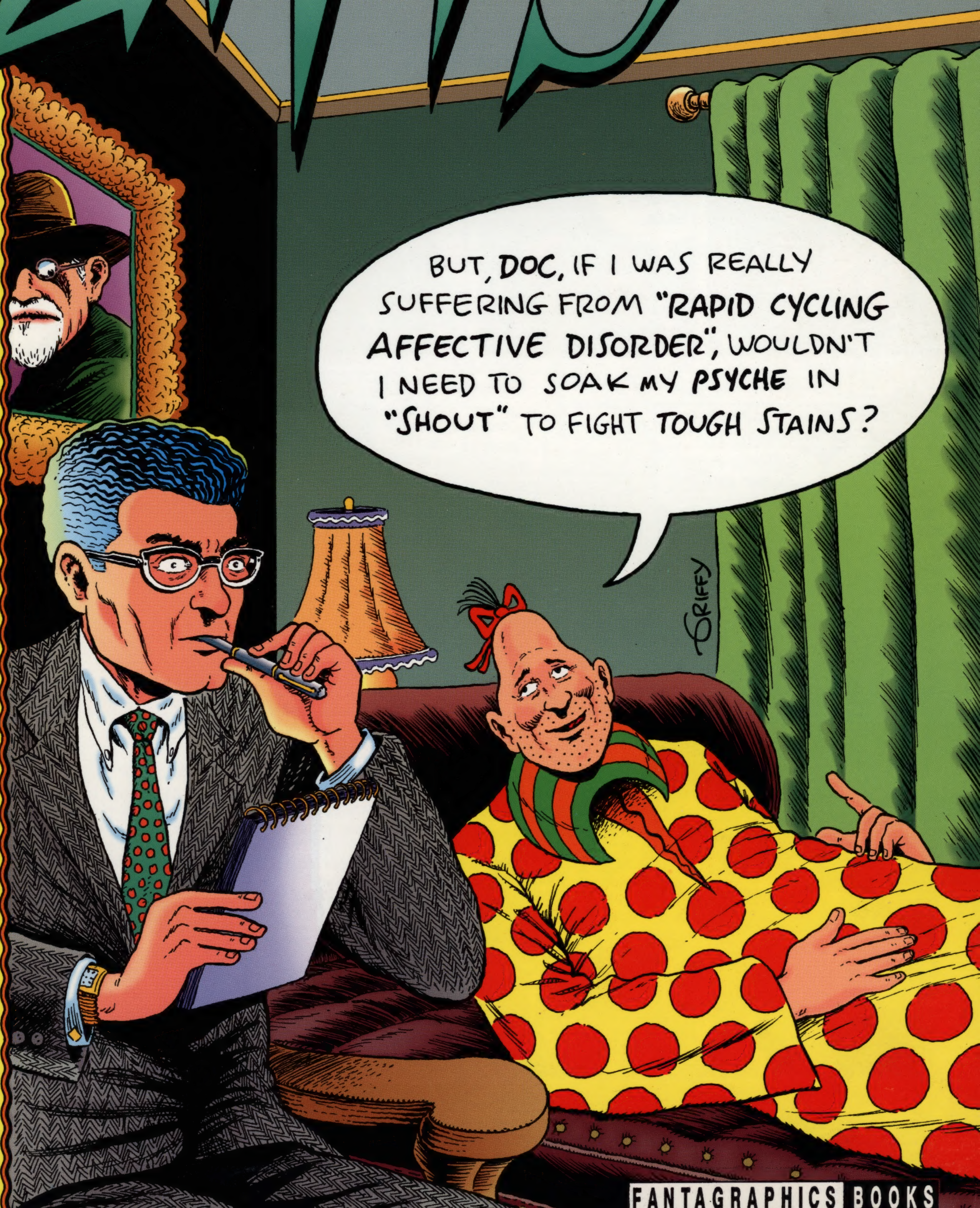
BUT, DOC, IF I WAS REALLY SUFFERING FROM "RAPID CYCLING AFFECTIVE DISORDER", WOULDN'T I NEED TO SOAK MY PSYCHE IN "SHOUT" TO FIGHT TOUGH STAINS?
GRIFFY

...Have they all gone insane??

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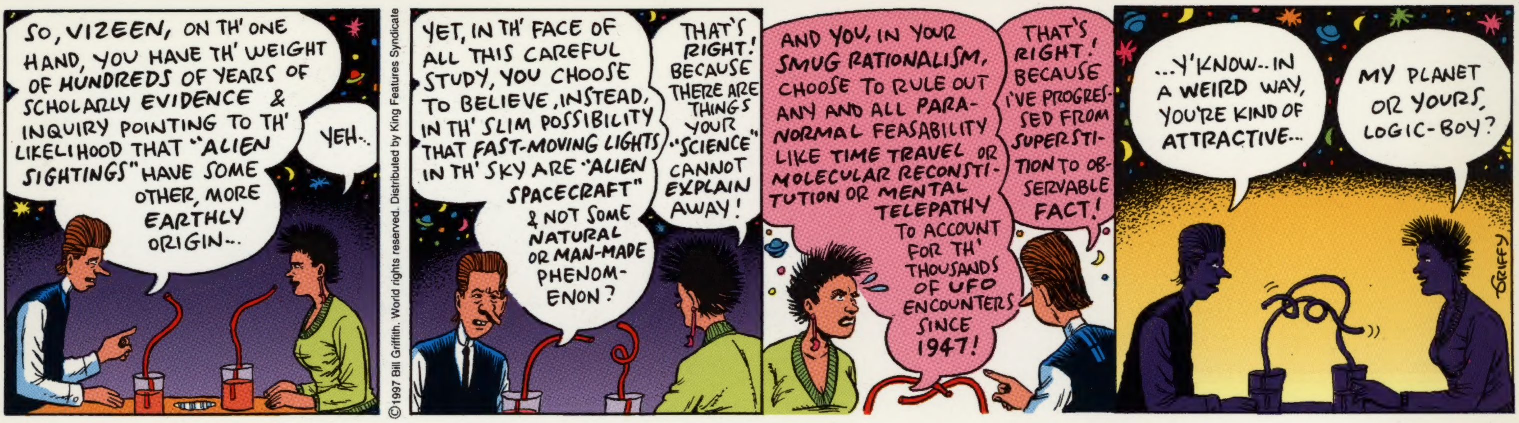
SO, VIZEEN, ON TH' ONE HAND, YOU HAVE TH' WEIGHT OF HUNDREDS OF YEARS OF SCHOLARLY EVIDENCE & INQUIRY POINTING TO TH' LIKELIHOOD THAT "ALIEN SIGHTINGS" HAVE SOME OTHER, MORE EARTHLY ORIGIN..
YEH..
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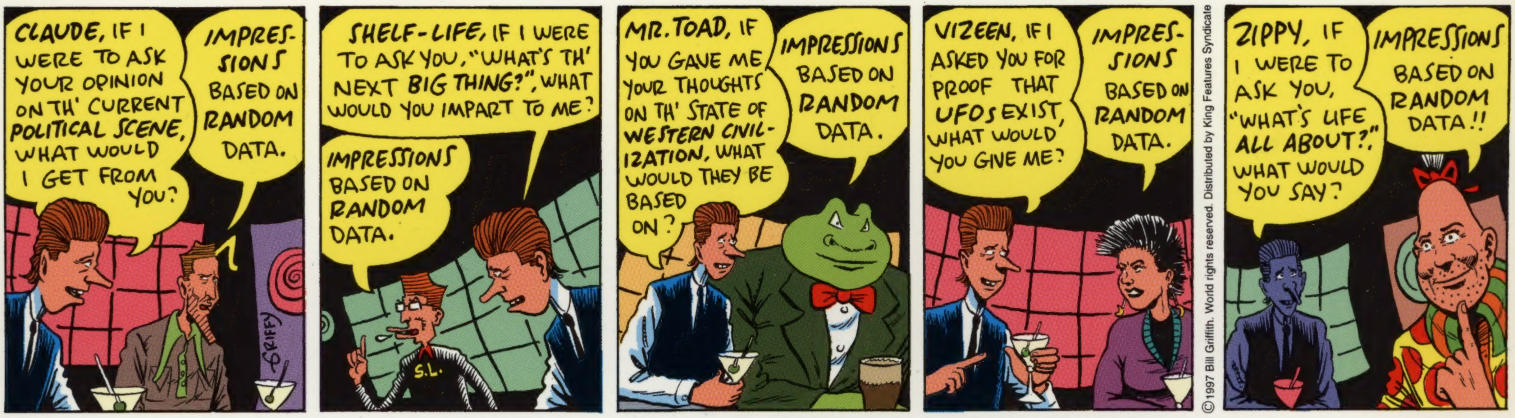
YET, IN TH' FACE OF ALL THIS CAREFUL STUDY, YOU CHOOSE TO BELIEVE, INSTEAD, IN TH' SLIM POSSIBILITY THAT FAST-MOVING LIGHTS IN TH' SKY ARE "ALIEN SPACECRAFT" & NOT SOME NATURAL OR MAN-MADE PHENOMENON?
THAT'S RIGHT! BECAUSE THERE ARE THINGS YOUR "SCIENCE" CANNOT EXPLAIN AWAY!
AND YOU, IN YOUR SMUG RATIONALISM, CHOOSE TO RULE OUT ANY AND ALL PARANORMAL FEASABILITY LIKE TIME TRAVEL OR MOLECULAR RECONSTITUTION OR MENTAL TELEPATHY TO ACCOUNT FOR TH' THOUSANDS OF UFO ENCOUNTERS SINCE 1947!
THAT'S RIGHT! BECAUSE I'VE PROGRESSED FROM SUPERSTITION TO OBSERVABLE FACT!
...Y'KNOW.. IN A WEIRD WAY, YOU'RE KIND OF ATTRACTIVE...
MY PLANET OR YOURS, LOGIC-BOY?
GRIFFY


CLAUDE, IF I WERE TO ASK YOUR OPINION ON TH' CURRENT POLITICAL SCENE, WHAT WOULD I GET FROM YOU?
IMPRESSIONS BASED ON RANDOM DATA.
GRIFFY
SHELF-LIFE, IF I WERE TO ASK YOU, "WHAT'S TH' NEXT BIG THING?", WHAT WOULD YOU IMPART TO ME?
IMPRESSIONS BASED ON RANDOM DATA.
S.L.
MR. TOAD, IF YOU GAVE ME YOUR THOUGHTS ON TH' STATE OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION, WHAT WOULD THEY BE BASED ON?
IMPRESSIONS BASED ON RANDOM DATA.
VIZEEN, IF I ASKED YOU FOR PROOF THAT UFOS EXIST, WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE ME?
IMPRESSIONS BASED ON RANDOM DATA.
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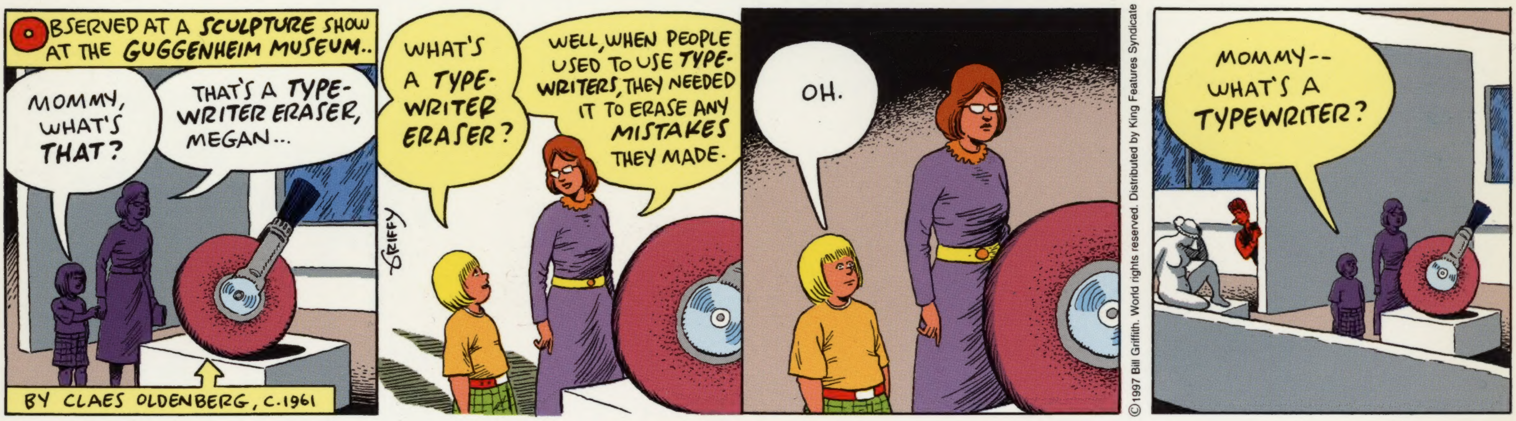
ZIPPY, IF I WERE TO ASK YOU, "WHAT'S LIFE ALL ABOUT?", WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?
IMPRESSIONS BASED ON RANDOM DATA!!


OBSERVED AT A SCULPTURE SHOW AT THE GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM..
MOMMY, WHAT'S THAT?
THAT'S A TYPEWRITER ERASER, MEGAN...
BY CLAES OLDENBERG, C.1961
WHAT'S A TYPEWRITER ERASER?
WELL, WHEN PEOPLE USED TO USE TYPEWRITERS, THEY NEEDED IT TO ERASE ANY MISTAKES THEY MADE.
GRIFFY
OH.
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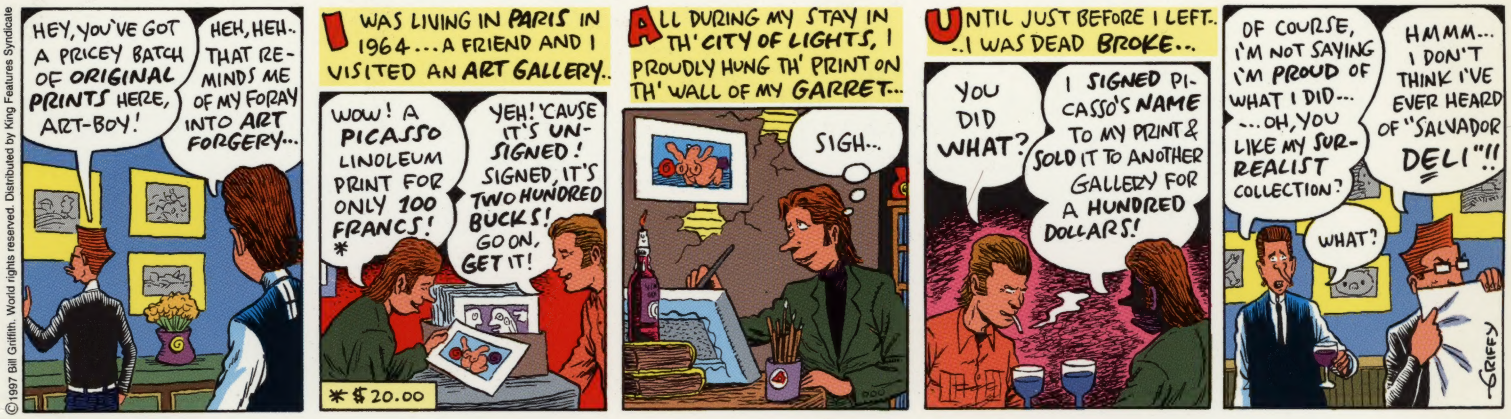
MOMMY-- WHAT'S A TYPEWRITER?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HEY, YOU'VE GOT A PRICEY BATCH OF ORIGINAL PRINTS HERE, ART-BOY!
HEH, HEH.. THAT REMINDS ME OF MY FORAY INTO ART FORGERY...
I WAS LIVING IN PARIS IN 1964... A FRIEND AND I VISITED AN ART GALLERY..
WOW! A PICASSO LINOLEUM PRINT FOR ONLY 100 FRANCS! *
YEH! 'CAUSE IT'S UNSIGNED! SIGNED, IT'S TWO HUNDRED BUCKS! GO ON, GET IT!
* = $20.00
ALL DURING MY STAY IN TH' CITY OF LIGHTS, I PROUDLY HUNG TH' PRINT ON TH' WALL OF MY GARRET...
SIGH..
UNTIL JUST BEFORE I LEFT.. ..I WAS DEAD BROKE...
YOU DID WHAT?
I SIGNED PICASSO'S NAME TO MY PRINT & SOLD IT TO ANOTHER GALLERY FOR A HUNDRED DOLLARS!
OF COURSE, I'M NOT SAYING I'M PROUD OF WHAT I DID... ...OH, YOU LIKE MY SURREALIST COLLECTION?
HMMM... I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER HEARD OF "SALVADOR DELI"!!
WHAT?
GRIFFY

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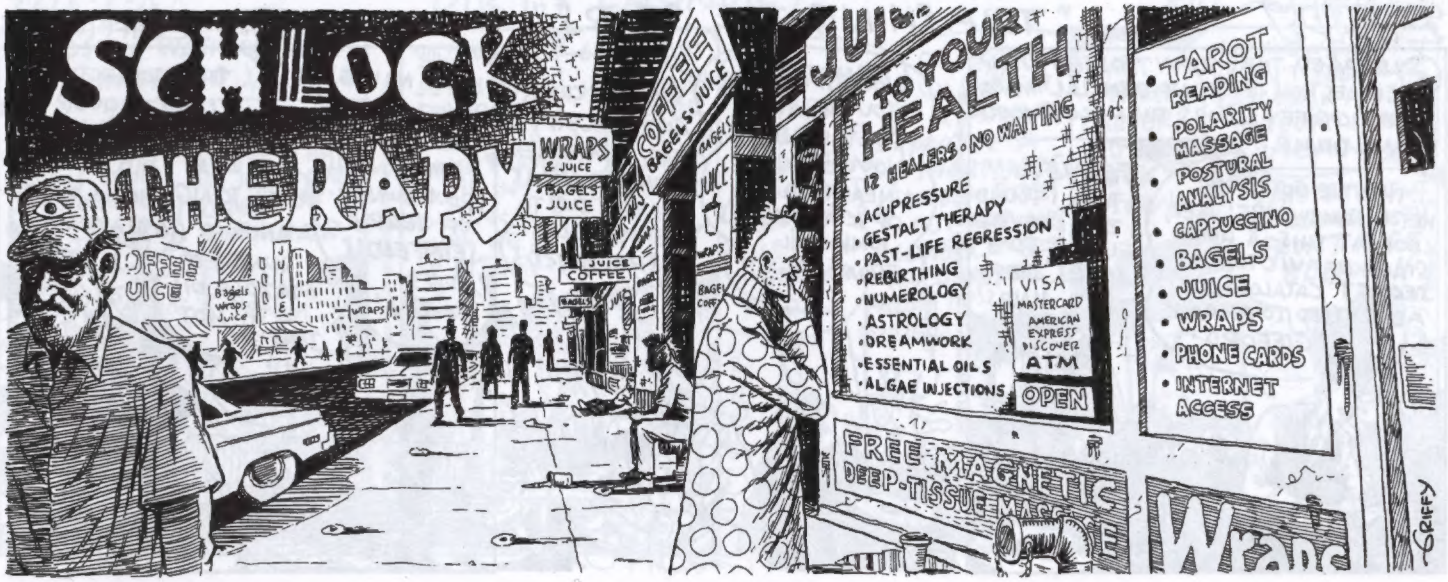
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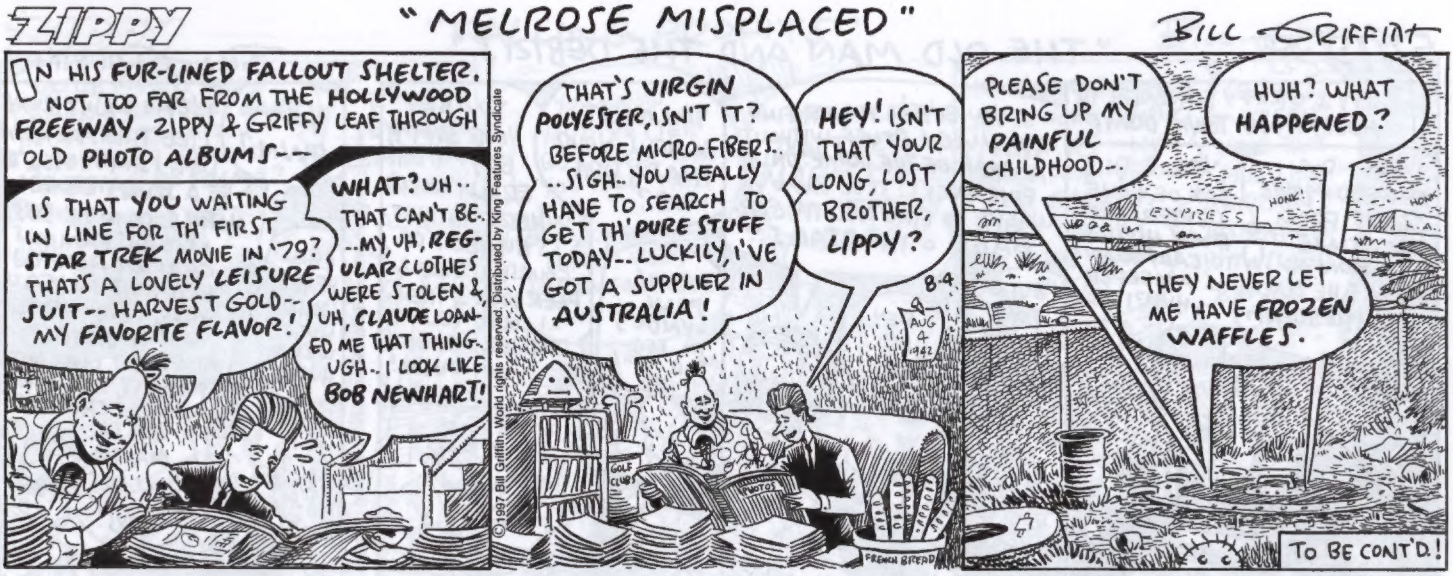
ZIPPY
"MELROSE MISPLACED"
BILL GRIFFITH
IN HIS FUR-LINED FALLOUT SHELTER, NOT TOO FAR FROM THE HOLLYWOOD FREEWAY, ZIPPY & GRIFFY LEAF THROUGH OLD PHOTO ALBUMS--
IS THAT YOU WAITING IN LINE FOR TH' FIRST STAR TREK MOVIE IN '79? THAT'S A LOVELY LEISURE SUIT-- HARVEST GOLD-- MY FAVORITE FLAVOR!
WHAT? UH.. THAT CAN'T BE.. ..MY, UH, REGULAR CLOTHES WERE STOLEN & UH, CLAUDE LOANED ME THAT THING.. UGH.. I LOOK LIKE BOB NEWHART!
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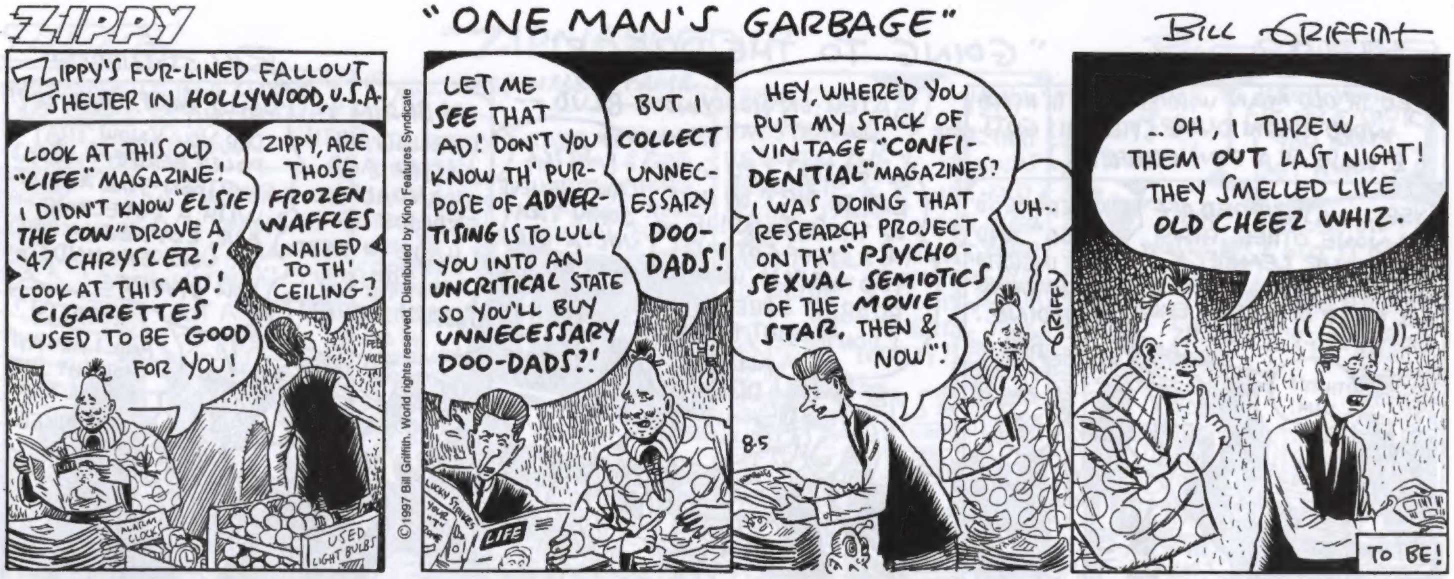
THAT'S VIRGIN POLYESTER, ISN'T IT? BEFORE MICRO-FIBERS.. ..SIGH.. YOU REALLY HAVE TO SEARCH TO GET TH' PURE STUFF TODAY.. LUCKILY, I'VE GOT A SUPPLIER IN AUSTRALIA!
HEY! ISN'T THAT YOUR LONG, LOST BROTHER, LIPPY?
8-4
AUG 4 1942
GOLF CLUBS
PHOTOS
FRENCH BREAD
PLEASE DON'T BRING UP MY PAINFUL CHILDHOOD..
HUH? WHAT HAPPENED?
EXPRESS
HONK!
HONK
L.A.
THEY NEVER LET ME HAVE FROZEN WAFFLES.
TO BE CONT'D!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"ONE MAN'S GARBAGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY'S FUR-LINED FALLOUT SHELTER IN HOLLYWOOD, U.S.A.
LOOK AT THIS OLD "LIFE" MAGAZINE! I DIDN'T KNOW "ELSIE THE COW" DROVE A '47 CHRYSLER! LOOK AT THIS AD! CIGARETTES USED TO BE GOOD FOR YOU!
ZIPPY, ARE THOSE FROZEN WAFFLES NAILED TO TH' CEILING?
ALARM CLOCKS
USED LIGHT BULBS
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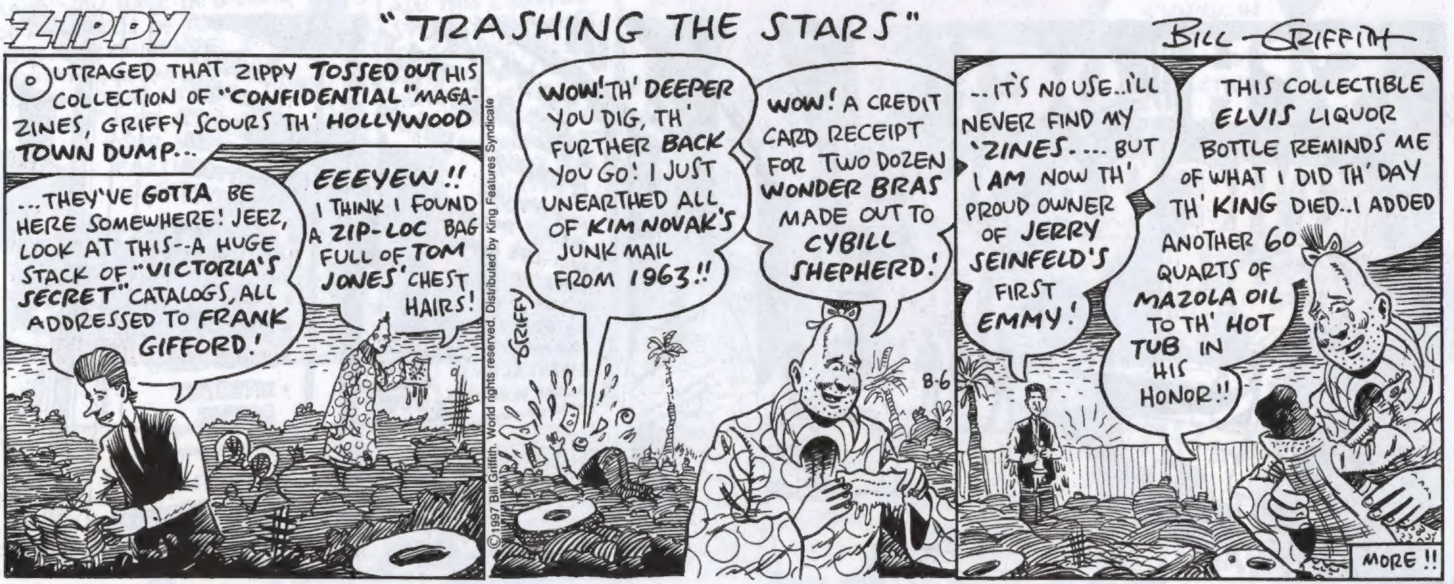
LET ME SEE THAT AD! DON'T YOU KNOW TH' PURPOSE OF ADVERTISING IS TO LULL YOU INTO AN UNCRITICAL STATE SO YOU'LL BUY UNNECESSARY DOO-DADS?!
BUT I COLLECT UNNECESSARY DOO-DADS!
LUCKY STRIKES
LIFE
HEY, WHERE'D YOU PUT MY STACK OF VINTAGE "CONFIDENTIAL" MAGAZINES? I WAS DOING THAT RESEARCH PROJECT ON TH' "PSYCHO-SEXUAL SEMIOTICS OF THE MOVIE STAR, THEN & NOW"!
UH..
GRIFFY
8-5
.. OH, I THREW THEM OUT LAST NIGHT! THEY SMELLED LIKE OLD CHEEZ WHIZ.
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"TRASHING THE STARS"
BILL GRIFFITH
OUTRAGED THAT ZIPPY TOSSED OUT HIS COLLECTION OF "CONFIDENTIAL" MAGAZINES, GRIFFY SCOURS TH' HOLLYWOOD TOWN DUMP...
...THEY'VE GOTTA BE HERE SOMEWHERE! JEEZ, LOOK AT THIS--A HUGE STACK OF "VICTORIA'S SECRET" CATALOGS, ALL ADDRESSED TO FRANK GIFFORD!
EEEYEW!! I THINK I FOUND A ZIP-LOC BAG FULL OF TOM JONES' CHEST HAIRS!
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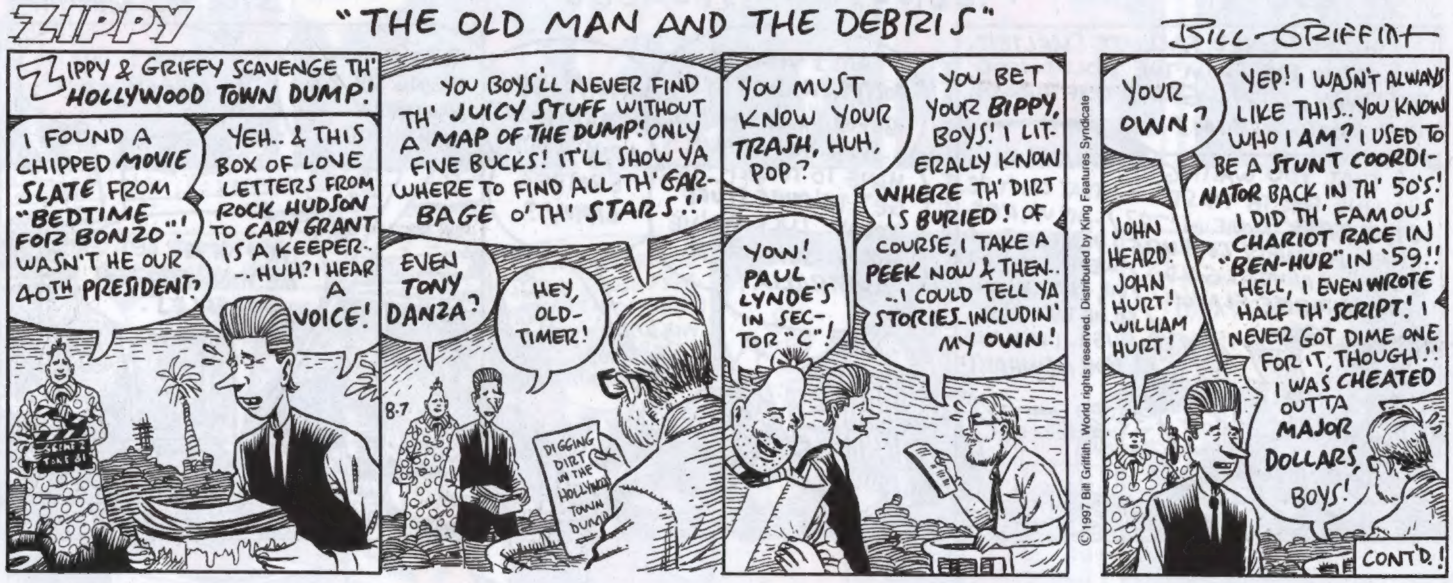
GRIFFY
WOW! TH' DEEPER YOU DIG, TH' FURTHER BACK YOU GO! I JUST UNEARTHED ALL OF KIM NOVAK'S JUNK MAIL FROM 1963!!
WOW! A CREDIT CARD RECEIPT FOR TWO DOZEN WONDER BRAS MADE OUT TO CYBILL SHEPHERD!
8-6
...IT'S NO USE..I'LL NEVER FIND MY 'ZINES.... BUT I AM NOW TH' PROUD OWNER OF JERRY SEINFELD'S FIRST EMMY!
THIS COLLECTIBLE ELVIS LIQUOR BOTTLE REMINDS ME OF WHAT I DID TH' DAY TH' KING DIED..I ADDED ANOTHER 60 QUARTS OF MAZOLA OIL TO TH' HOT TUB IN HIS HONOR!!
MORE!!


ZIPPY
"THE OLD MAN AND THE DEBRIS"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY & GRIFFY SCAVENGE TH' HOLLYWOOD TOWN DUMP!
I FOUND A CHIPPED MOVIE SLATE FROM "BEDTIME FOR BONZO"..! WASN'T HE OUR 40TH PRESIDENT?
YEH.. & THIS BOX OF LOVE LETTERS FROM ROCK HUDSON TO CARY GRANT IS A KEEPER.. ..HUH? I HEAR A VOICE!
SCENE TAKE
YOU BOYS'LL NEVER FIND TH' JUICY STUFF WITHOUT A MAP OF THE DUMP! ONLY FIVE BUCKS! IT'LL SHOW YA WHERE TO FIND ALL TH' GARBAGE O' TH' STARS!!
EVEN TONY DANZA?
HEY, OLD-TIMER!
8-7
DIGGING DIRT IN THE HOLLYWOOD TOWN DUMP
YOU MUST KNOW YOUR TRASH, HUH, POP?
YOU BET YOUR BIPPY, BOYS! I LITERALLY KNOW WHERE TH' DIRT IS BURIED! OF COURSE, I TAKE A PEEK NOW & THEN.. ..I COULD TELL YA STORIES..INCLUDIN' MY OWN!
YOW! PAUL LYNDE'S IN SECTOR "C"!
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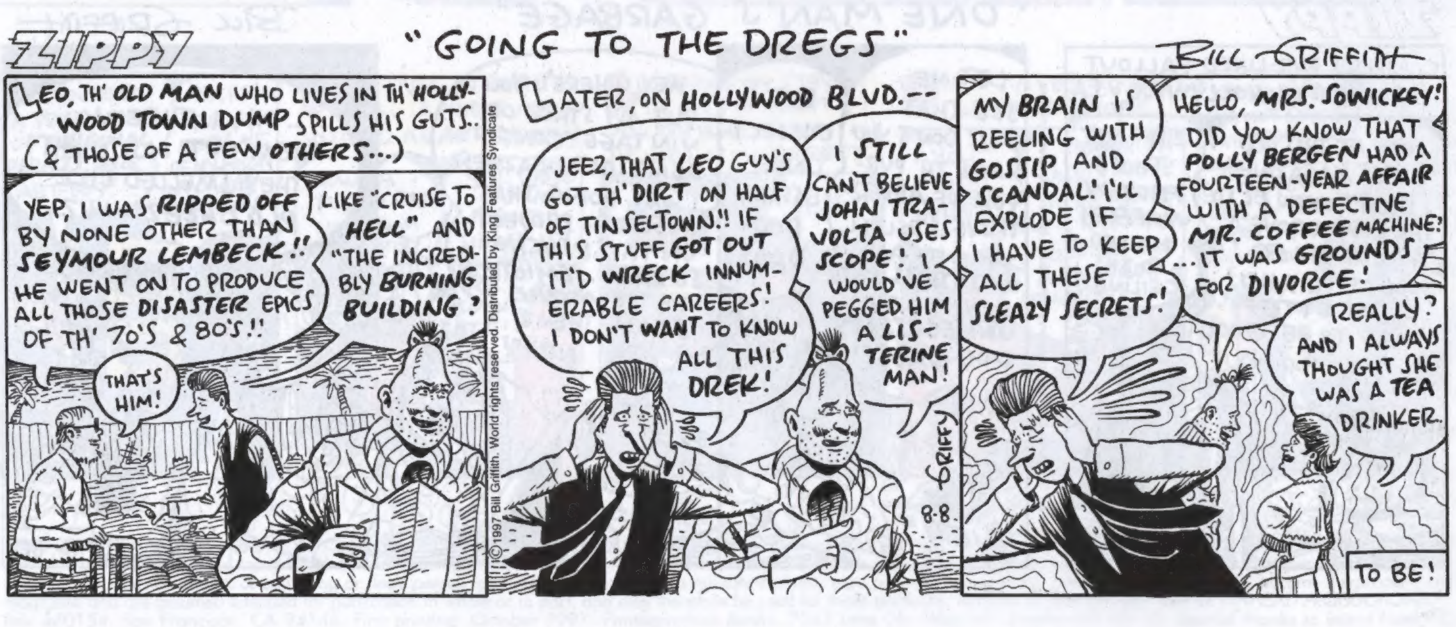
YOUR OWN?
YEP! I WASN'T ALWAYS LIKE THIS..YOU KNOW WHO I AM? I USED TO BE A STUNT COORDINATOR BACK IN TH' 50'S! I DID TH' FAMOUS CHARIOT RACE IN "BEN-HUR" IN '59!! HELL, I EVEN WROTE HALF TH' SCRIPT! I NEVER GOT DIME ONE FOR IT, THOUGH!! I WAS CHEATED OUTTA MAJOR DOLLARS, BOYS!
JOHN HEARD! JOHN HURT! WILLIAM HURT!
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"GOING TO THE DREGS"
BILL GRIFFITH
LEO, TH' OLD MAN WHO LIVES IN TH' HOLLYWOOD TOWN DUMP SPILLS HIS GUTS.. (& THOSE OF A FEW OTHERS...)
YEP, I WAS RIPPED OFF BY NONE OTHER THAN SEYMOUR LEMBECK!! HE WENT ON TO PRODUCE ALL THOSE DISASTER EPICS OF TH' 70'S & 80'S!!
LIKE "CRUISE TO HELL" AND "THE INCREDIBLY BURNING BUILDING"?
THAT'S HIM!
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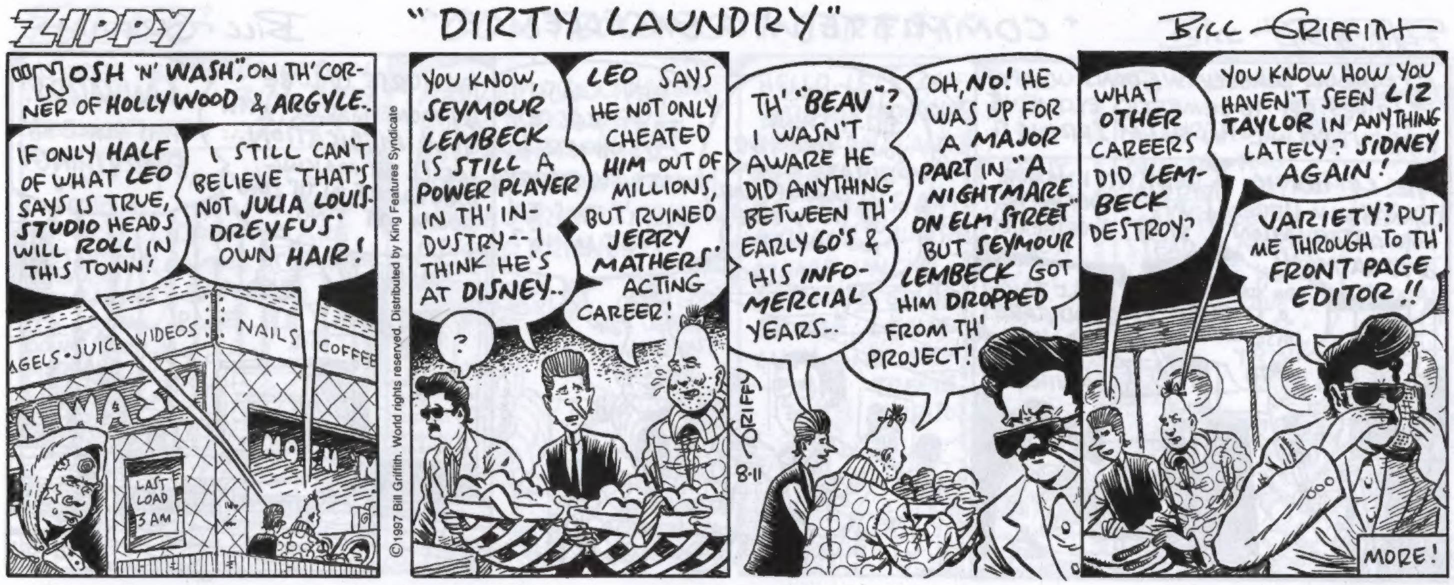
LATER, ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.--
JEEZ, THAT LEO GUY'S GOT TH' DIRT ON HALF OF TINSELTOWN!! IF THIS STUFF GOT OUT IT'D WRECK INNUMERABLE CAREERS! I DON'T WANT TO KNOW ALL THIS DREK!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE JOHN TRAVOLTA USES SCOPE! I WOULD'VE PEGGED HIM A LISTERINE MAN!
GRIFFY
8-8
MY BRAIN IS REELING WITH GOSSIP AND SCANDAL! I'LL EXPLODE IF I HAVE TO KEEP ALL THESE SLEAZY SECRETS!
HELLO, MRS. SOWICKEY! DID YOU KNOW THAT POLLY BERGEN HAD A FOURTEEN-YEAR AFFAIR WITH A DEFECTIVE MR. COFFEE MACHINE! ...IT WAS GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE!
REALLY? AND I ALWAYS THOUGHT SHE WAS A TEA DRINKER.
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"DIRTY LAUNDRY"
BILL GRIFFITH
"NOSH 'N' WASH", ON TH' CORNER OF HOLLYWOOD & ARGYLE..
IF ONLY HALF OF WHAT LEO SAYS IS TRUE, STUDIO HEADS WILL ROLL IN THIS TOWN!
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT'S NOT JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS' OWN HAIR!
AGELS • JUICE • VIDEOS
NAILS
COFFEE
N WASH
NOSH N
LAST LOAD 3 AM
YOU KNOW, SEYMOUR LEMBECK IS STILL A POWER PLAYER IN TH' INDUSTRY-- I THINK HE'S AT DISNEY..
?
LEO SAYS HE NOT ONLY CHEATED HIM OUT OF MILLIONS, BUT RUINED JERRY MATHERS' ACTING CAREER!
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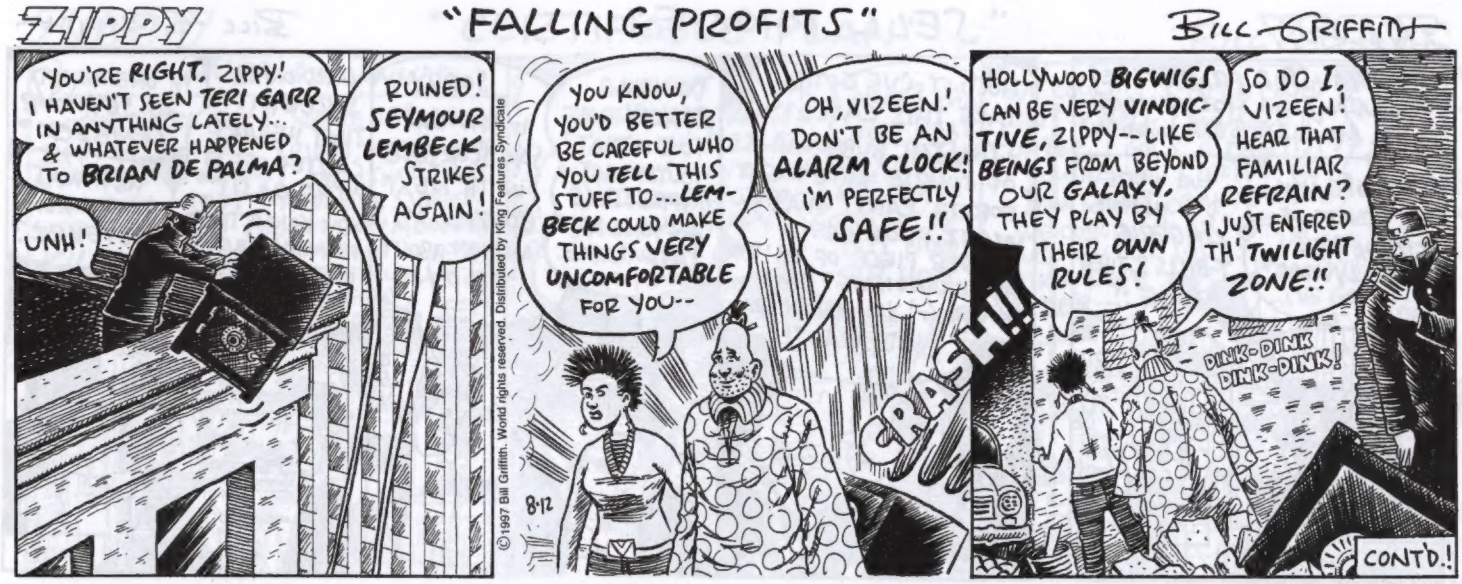
GRIFFY
8-11
TH' "BEAV"? I WASN'T AWARE HE DID ANYTHING BETWEEN TH' EARLY 60'S & HIS INFOMERCIAL YEARS..
OH, NO! HE WAS UP FOR A MAJOR PART IN "A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET" BUT SEYMOUR LEMBECK GOT HIM DROPPED FROM TH' PROJECT!
WHAT OTHER CAREERS DID LEMBECK DESTROY?
YOU KNOW HOW YOU HAVEN'T SEEN LIZ TAYLOR IN ANYTHING LATELY? SIDNEY AGAIN!
VARIETY? PUT ME THROUGH TO TH' FRONT PAGE EDITOR!!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"FALLING PROFITS"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU'RE RIGHT, ZIPPY! I HAVEN'T SEEN TERI GARR IN ANYTHING LATELY... & WHATEVER HAPPENED TO BRIAN DE PALMA?
UNH!
RUINED! SEYMOUR LEMBECK STRIKES AGAIN!
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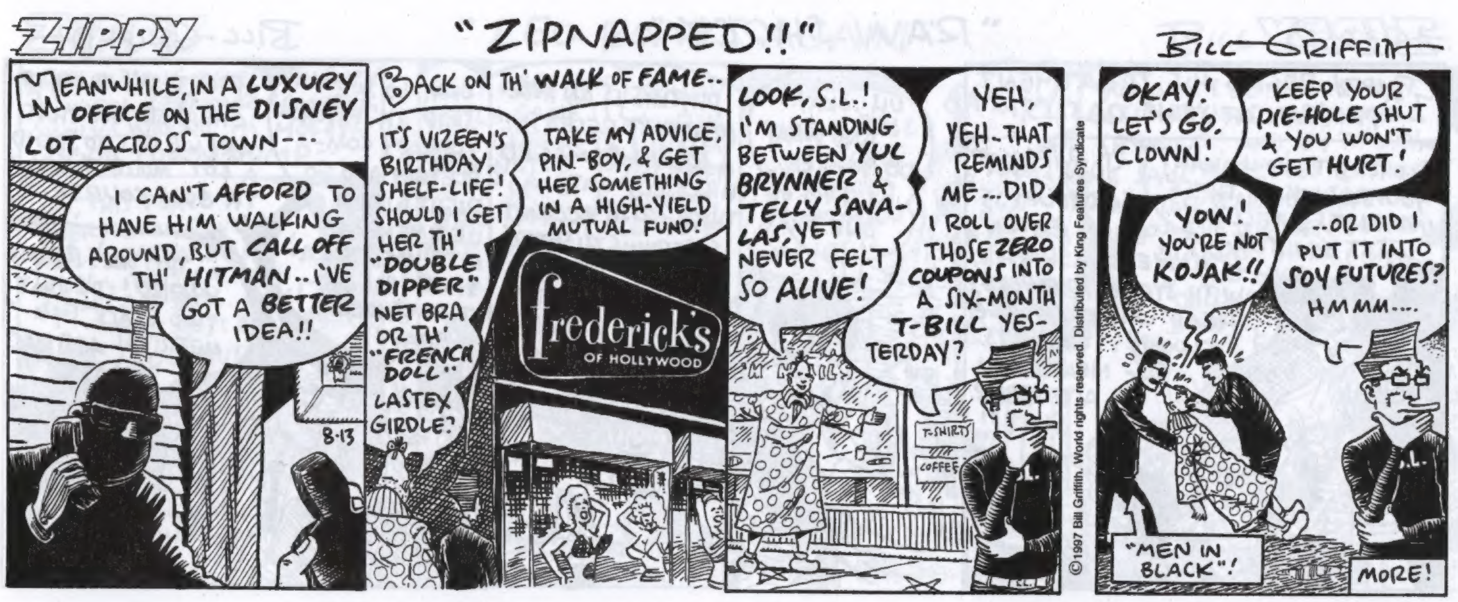
8-12
YOU KNOW, YOU'D BETTER BE CAREFUL WHO YOU TELL THIS STUFF TO... LEMBECK COULD MAKE THINGS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE FOR YOU--
OH, VIZEEN! DON'T BE AN ALARM CLOCK! I'M PERFECTLY SAFE!!
CRASH!!
HOLLYWOOD BIGWIGS CAN BE VERY VINDICTIVE, ZIPPY-- LIKE BEINGS FROM BEYOND OUR GALAXY, THEY PLAY BY THEIR OWN RULES!
SO DO I, VIZEEN! HEAR THAT FAMILIAR REFRAIN? I JUST ENTERED TH' TWILIGHT ZONE!!
DINK-DINK DINK-DINK!
CONT'D.!


ZIPPY
"ZIPNAPPED!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
MEANWHILE, IN A LUXURY OFFICE ON THE DISNEY LOT ACROSS TOWN---
I CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE HIM WALKING AROUND, BUT CALL OFF TH' HITMAN.. I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!!
8-13
BACK ON TH' WALK OF FAME..
IT'S VIZEEN'S BIRTHDAY, SHELF-LIFE! SHOULD I GET HER TH' "DOUBLE DIPPER" NET BRA OR TH' "FRENCH DOLL" LASTEX GIRDLE?
TAKE MY ADVICE, PIN-BOY, & GET HER SOMETHING IN A HIGH-YIELD MUTUAL FUND!
frederick's OF HOLLYWOOD
LOOK, S.L.! I'M STANDING BETWEEN YUL BRYNNER & TELLY SAVALAS, YET I NEVER FELT SO ALIVE!
YEH, YEH-THAT REMINDS ME...DID I ROLL OVER THOSE ZERO COUPONS INTO A SIX-MONTH T-BILL YESTERDAY?
T-SHIRTS
COFFEE
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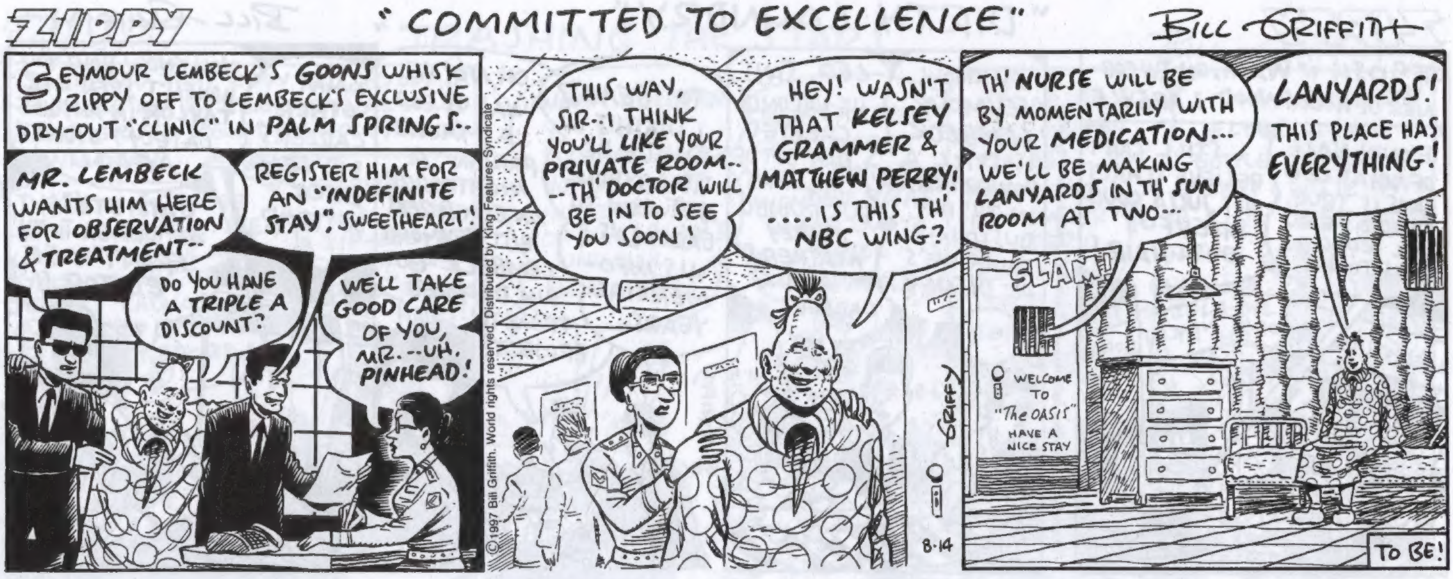
OKAY! LET'S GO, CLOWN!
KEEP YOUR PIE-HOLE SHUT & YOU WON'T GET HURT!
YOW! YOU'RE NOT KOJAK!!
..OR DID I PUT IT INTO SOY FUTURES? HMMM....
"MEN IN BLACK"!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE"
BILL GRIFFITH
SEYMOUR LEMBECK'S GOONS WHISK ZIPPY OFF TO LEMBECK'S EXCLUSIVE DRY-OUT "CLINIC" IN PALM SPRINGS..
MR. LEMBECK WANTS HIM HERE FOR OBSERVATION & TREATMENT--
REGISTER HIM FOR AN "INDEFINITE STAY", SWEETHEART!
DO YOU HAVE A TRIPLE A DISCOUNT?
WE'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU, MR.--UH. PINHEAD!
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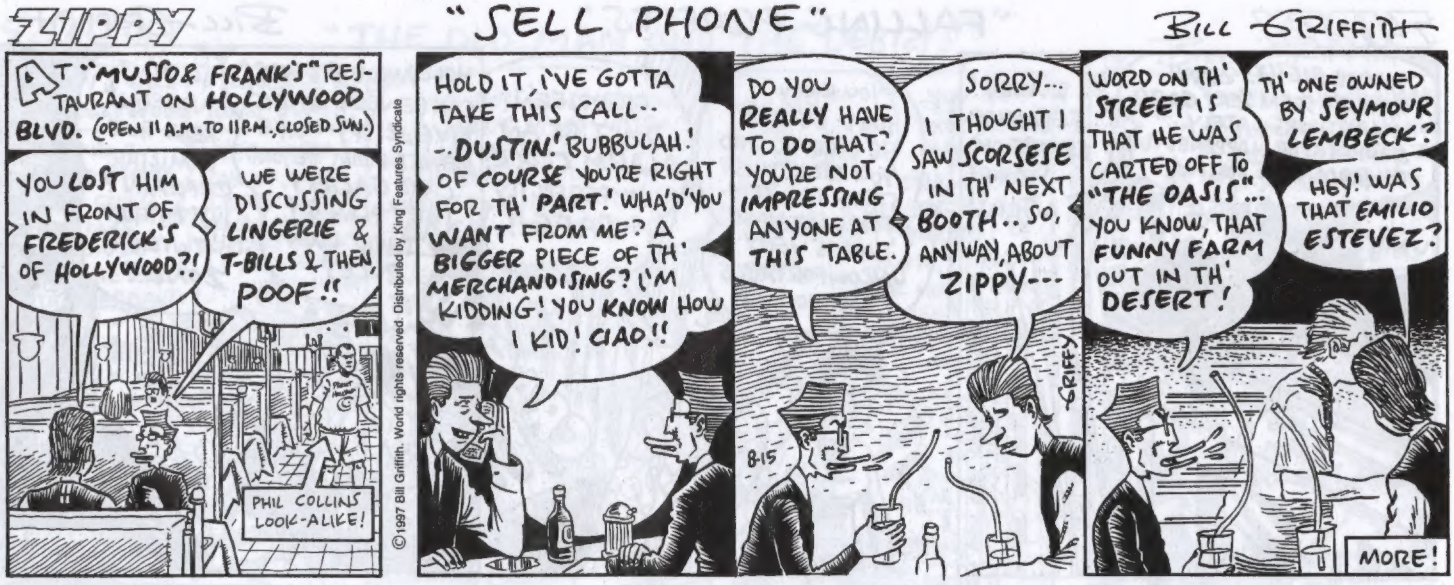
THIS WAY, SIR..I THINK YOU'LL LIKE YOUR PRIVATE ROOM.. --TH' DOCTOR WILL BE IN TO SEE YOU SOON!
HEY! WASN'T THAT KELSEY GRAMMER & MATTHEW PERRY! ....IS THIS TH' NBC WING?
GRIFFY
8-14
TH' NURSE WILL BE BY MOMENTARILY WITH YOUR MEDICATION... WE'LL BE MAKING LANYARDS IN TH' SUN ROOM AT TWO...
LANYARDS! THIS PLACE HAS EVERYTHING!
SLAM!
WELCOME TO "The OASIS" HAVE A NICE STAY
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"SELL PHONE"
BILL GRIFFITH
AT "MUSSO & FRANK'S" RESTAURANT ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD. (OPEN 11 A.M. TO 11 P.M., CLOSED SUN.)
YOU LOST HIM IN FRONT OF FREDERICK'S OF HOLLYWOOD?!
WE WERE DISCUSSING LINGERIE & T-BILLS & THEN, POOF!!
PHIL COLLINS LOOK-ALIKE!
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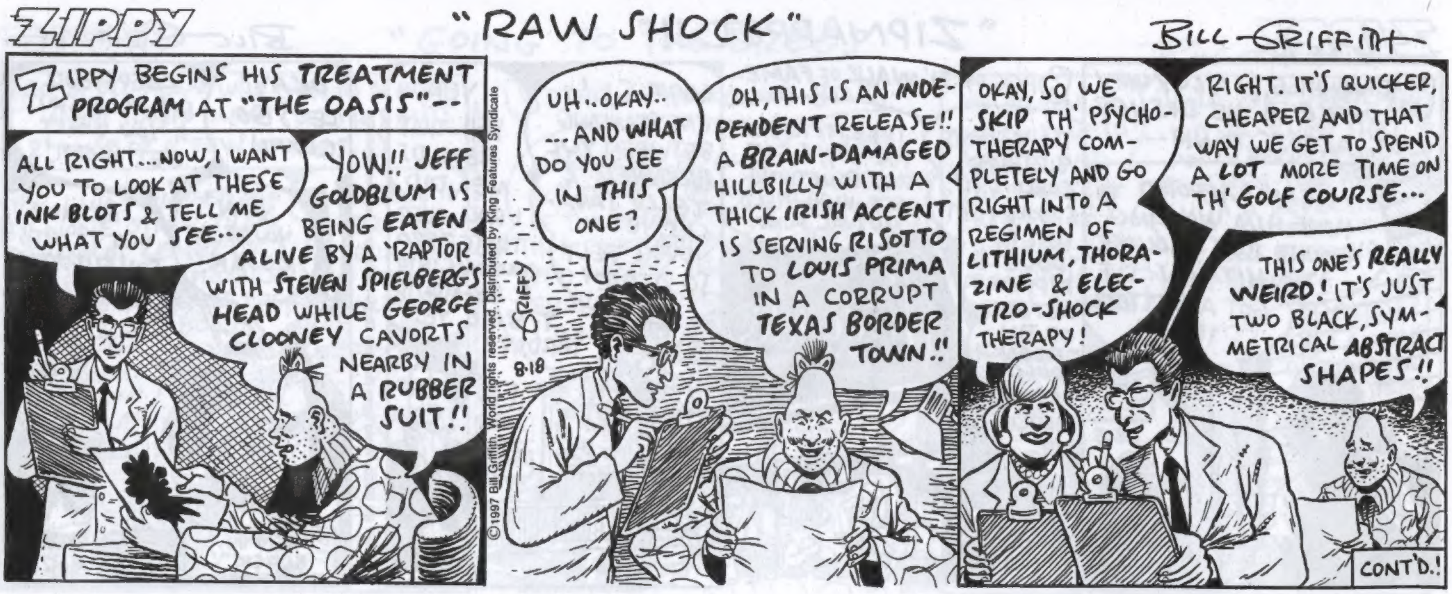
HOLD IT, I'VE GOTTA TAKE THIS CALL-- --DUSTIN! BUBBULAH! OF COURSE YOU'RE RIGHT FOR TH' PART! WHA'D'YOU WANT FROM ME? A BIGGER PIECE OF TH' MERCHANDISING? I'M KIDDING! YOU KNOW HOW I KID! CIAO!!
DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO DO THAT? YOU'RE NOT IMPRESSING ANYONE AT THIS TABLE.
SORRY... I THOUGHT I SAW SCORSESE IN TH' NEXT BOOTH.. SO, ANYWAY, ABOUT ZIPPY---
GRIFFY
8-15
WORD ON TH' STREET IS THAT HE WAS CARTED OFF TO "THE OASIS"... YOU KNOW, THAT FUNNY FARM OUT IN TH' DESERT!
TH' ONE OWNED BY SEYMOUR LEMBECK?
HEY! WAS THAT EMILIO ESTEVEZ?
MORE!


ZIPPY
"RAW SHOCK"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY BEGINS HIS TREATMENT PROGRAM AT "THE OASIS"--
ALL RIGHT...NOW, I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT THESE INK BLOTS & TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE...
YOW!! JEFF GOLDBLUM IS BEING EATEN ALIVE BY A 'RAPTOR WITH STEVEN SPIELBERG'S HEAD WHILE GEORGE CLOONEY CAVORTS NEARBY IN A RUBBER SUIT!!
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UH..OKAY.. ...AND WHAT DO YOU SEE IN THIS ONE?
OH, THIS IS AN INDEPENDENT RELEASE!! A BRAIN-DAMAGED HILLBILLY WITH A THICK IRISH ACCENT IS SERVING RISOTTO TO LOUIS PRIMA IN A CORRUPT TEXAS BORDER TOWN!!
GRIFFY
8-18
OKAY, SO WE SKIP TH' PSYCHOTHERAPY COMPLETELY AND GO RIGHT INTO A REGIMEN OF LITHIUM, THORAZINE & ELECTRO-SHOCK THERAPY!
RIGHT. IT'S QUICKER, CHEAPER AND THAT WAY WE GET TO SPEND A LOT MORE TIME ON TH' GOLF COURSE...
THIS ONE'S REALLY WEIRD! IT'S JUST TWO BLACK, SYMMETRICAL ABSTRACT SHAPES!!
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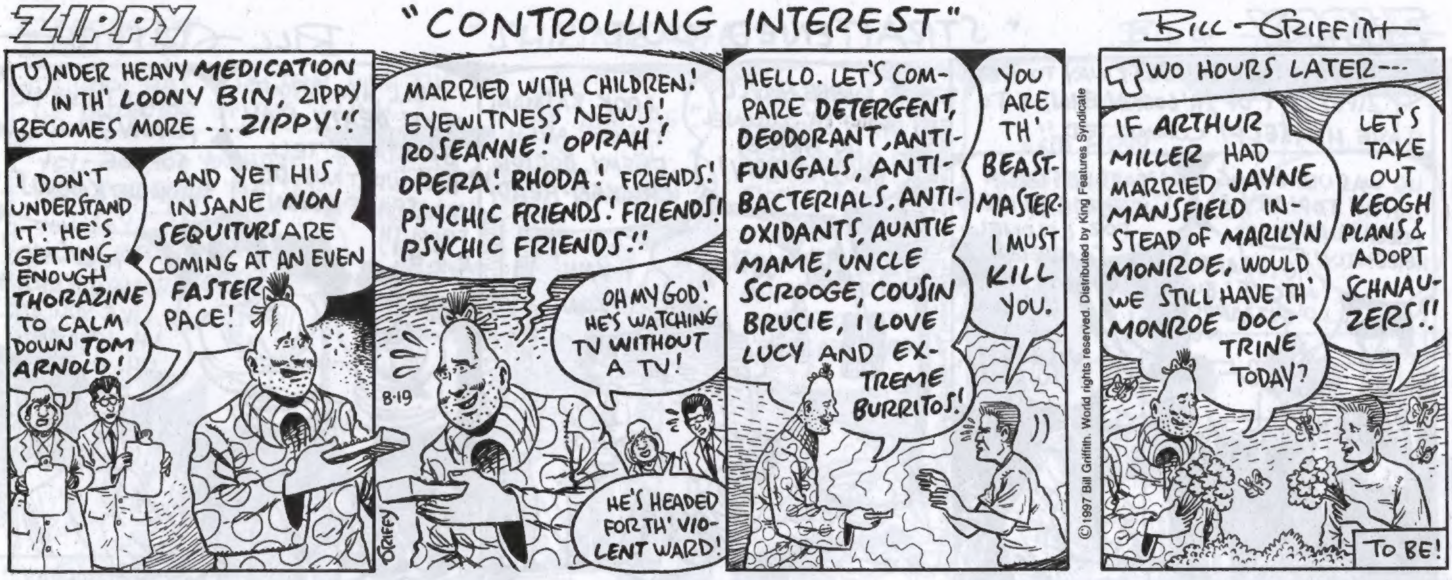
ZIPPY
"CONTROLLING INTEREST"
BILL GRIFFITH
UNDER HEAVY MEDICATION IN TH' LOONY BIN, ZIPPY BECOMES MORE ... ZIPPY!!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT! HE'S GETTING ENOUGH THORAZINE TO CALM DOWN TOM ARNOLD!
AND YET HIS INSANE NON SEQUITURS ARE COMING AT AN EVEN FASTER PACE!
GRIFFY
MARRIED WITH CHILDREN! EYEWITNESS NEWS! ROSEANNE! OPRAH! OPERA! RHODA! FRIENDS! PSYCHIC FRIENDS! FRIENDS! PSYCHIC FRIENDS!!
OH MY GOD! HE'S WATCHING TV WITHOUT A TV!
8-19
HE'S HEADED FOR TH' VIOLENT WARD!
HELLO. LET'S COMPARE DETERGENT, DEODORANT, ANTI-FUNGALS, ANTI-BACTERIALS, ANTI-OXIDANTS, AUNTIE MAME, UNCLE SCROOGE, COUSIN BRUCIE, I LOVE LUCY AND EXTREME BURRITOS!
YOU ARE TH' BEASTMASTER. I MUST KILL YOU.
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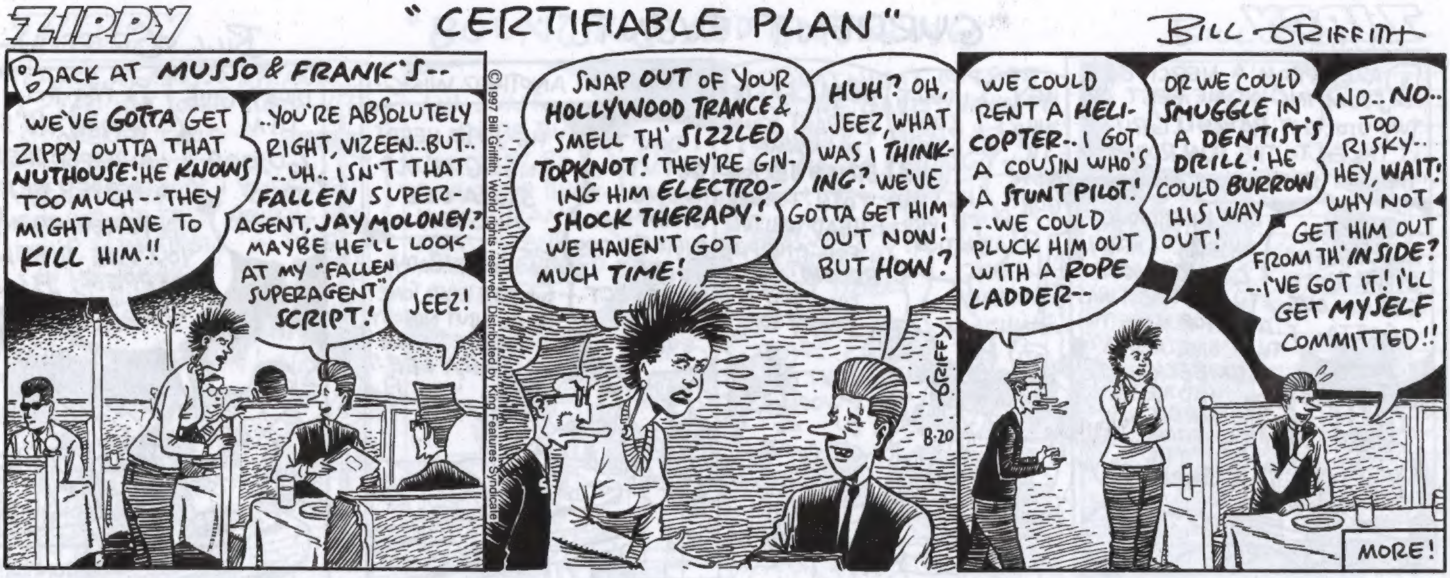
TWO HOURS LATER---
IF ARTHUR MILLER HAD MARRIED JAYNE MANSFIELD INSTEAD OF MARILYN MONROE, WOULD WE STILL HAVE TH' MONROE DOCTRINE TODAY?
LET'S TAKE OUT KEOGH PLANS & ADOPT SCHNAUZERS!!
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"CERTIFIABLE PLAN"
BILL GRIFFITH
BACK AT MUSSO & FRANK'S--
WE'VE GOTTA GET ZIPPY OUTTA THAT NUTHOUSE! HE KNOWS TOO MUCH--THEY MIGHT HAVE TO KILL HIM!!
..YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT, VIZEEN..BUT.. ..UH.. ISN'T THAT FALLEN SUPER-AGENT, JAY MOLONEY? MAYBE HE'LL LOOK AT MY "FALLEN SUPERAGENT" SCRIPT!
JEEZ!
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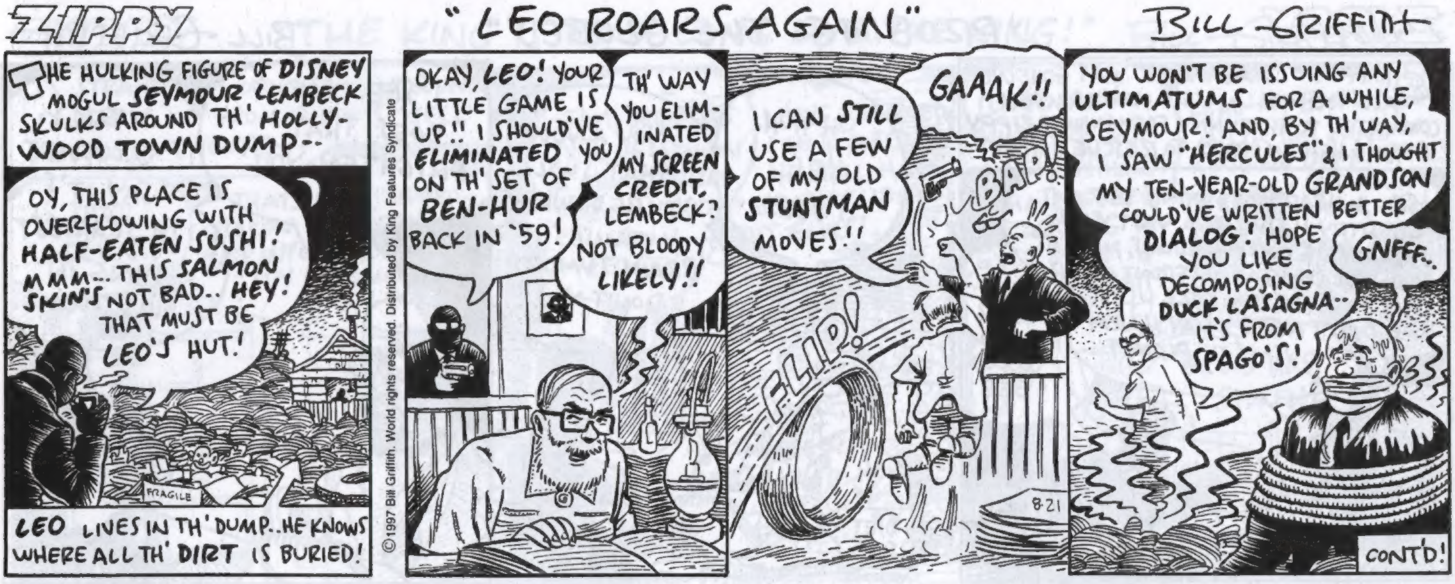
SNAP OUT OF YOUR HOLLYWOOD TRANCE & SMELL TH' SIZZLED TOPKNOT! THEY'RE GIVING HIM ELECTRO-SHOCK THERAPY! WE HAVEN'T GOT MUCH TIME!
HUH? OH, JEEZ, WHAT WAS I THINKING? WE'VE GOTTA GET HIM OUT NOW! BUT HOW?
GRIFFY
8-20
WE COULD RENT A HELICOPTER..I GOT A COUSIN WHO'S A STUNT PILOT! --WE COULD PLUCK HIM OUT WITH A ROPE LADDER--
OR WE COULD SMUGGLE IN A DENTIST'S DRILL! HE COULD BURROW HIS WAY OUT!
NO..NO.. TOO RISKY.. HEY, WAIT! WHY NOT GET HIM OUT FROM TH' INSIDE? --I'VE GOT IT! I'LL GET MYSELF COMMITTED!!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"LEO ROARS AGAIN"
BILL GRIFFITH
THE HULKING FIGURE OF DISNEY MOGUL SEYMOUR LEMBECK SKULKS AROUND TH' HOLLYWOOD TOWN DUMP--
OY, THIS PLACE IS OVERFLOWING WITH HALF-EATEN SUSHI! MMM.. THIS SALMON SKIN'S NOT BAD.. HEY! THAT MUST BE LEO'S HUT!
FRAGILE
LEO LIVES IN TH' DUMP..HE KNOWS WHERE ALL TH' DIRT IS BURIED!
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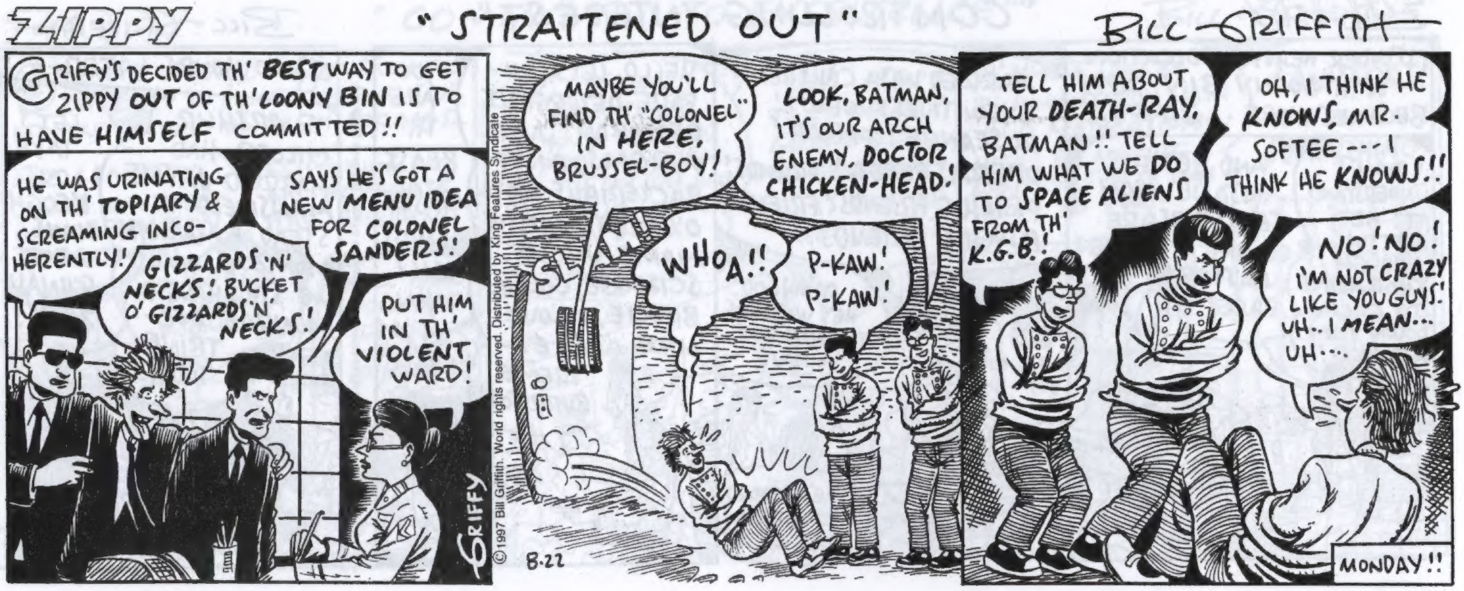
OKAY, LEO! YOUR LITTLE GAME IS UP!! I SHOULD'VE ELIMINATED YOU ON TH' SET OF BEN-HUR BACK IN '59!
TH' WAY YOU ELIMINATED MY SCREEN CREDIT, LEMBECK? NOT BLOODY LIKELY!!
I CAN STILL USE A FEW OF MY OLD STUNTMAN MOVES!!
GAAAK!!
BAP!
FLIP!
8-21
YOU WON'T BE ISSUING ANY ULTIMATUMS FOR A WHILE, SEYMOUR! AND, BY TH' WAY, I SAW "HERCULES" & I THOUGHT MY TEN-YEAR-OLD GRANDSON COULD'VE WRITTEN BETTER DIALOG! HOPE YOU LIKE DECOMPOSING DUCK LASAGNA-- IT'S FROM SPAGO'S!
GNFFF..
CONT'D!


ZIPPY
"STRAITENED OUT"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY'S DECIDED TH' BEST WAY TO GET ZIPPY OUT OF TH' LOONY BIN IS TO HAVE HIMSELF COMMITTED!!
HE WAS URINATING ON TH' TOPIARY & SCREAMING INCOHERENTLY!
SAYS HE'S GOT A NEW MENU IDEA FOR COLONEL SANDERS!
GIZZARDS 'N' NECKS! BUCKET O' GIZZARDS 'N' NECKS!
PUT HIM IN TH' VIOLENT WARD!
GRIFFY
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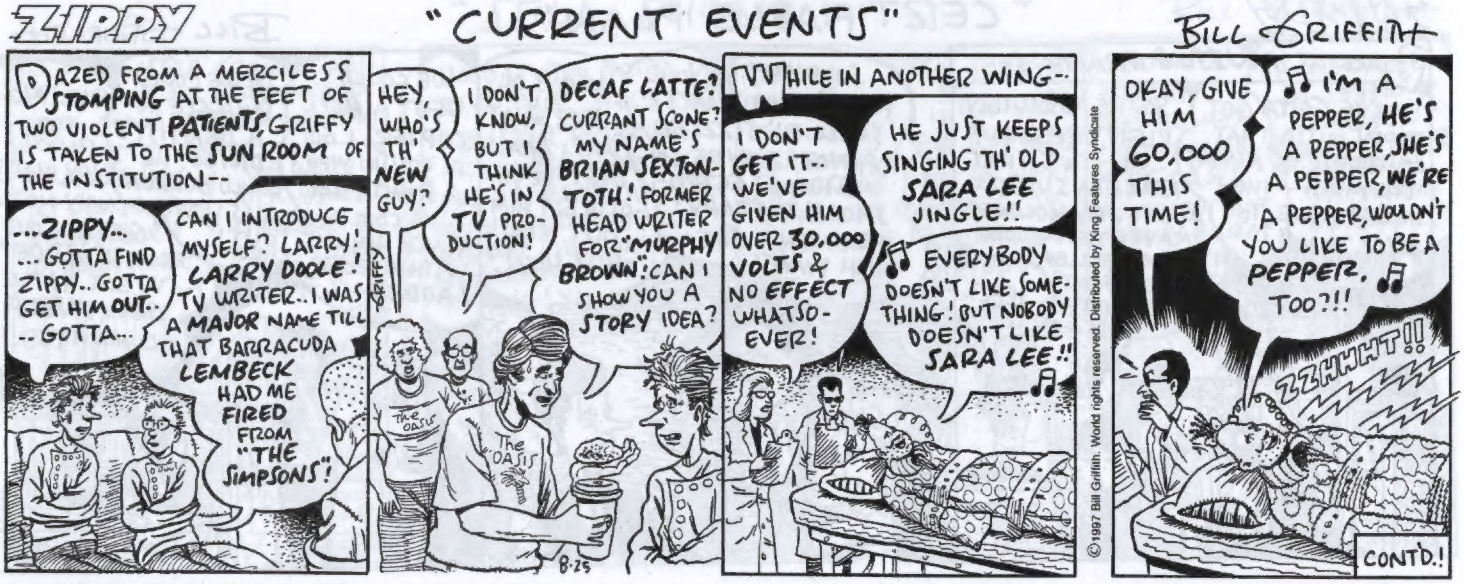
8-22
MAYBE YOU'LL FIND TH' "COLONEL" IN HERE, BRUSSEL-BOY!
SLAM!
WHOA!!
LOOK, BATMAN, IT'S OUR ARCH ENEMY, DOCTOR CHICKEN-HEAD!
P-KAW! P-KAW!
TELL HIM ABOUT YOUR DEATH-RAY, BATMAN!! TELL HIM WHAT WE DO TO SPACE ALIENS FROM TH' K.G.B.!
OH, I THINK HE KNOWS, MR. SOFTEE --- I THINK HE KNOWS!!
NO! NO! I'M NOT CRAZY LIKE YOU GUYS! UH.. I MEAN... UH....
MONDAY!!


ZIPPY
"CURRENT EVENTS"
BILL GRIFFITH
DAZED FROM A MERCILESS STOMPING AT THE FEET OF TWO VIOLENT PATIENTS, GRIFFY IS TAKEN TO THE SUN ROOM OF THE INSTITUTION--
...ZIPPY... ...GOTTA FIND ZIPPY.. GOTTA GET HIM OUT.. ..GOTTA...
CAN I INTRODUCE MYSELF? LARRY! LARRY DOOLE! TV WRITER.. I WAS A MAJOR NAME TILL THAT BARRACUDA LEMBECK HAD ME FIRED FROM "THE SIMPSONS"!
GRIFFY
HEY, WHO'S TH' NEW GUY?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I THINK HE'S IN TV PRODUCTION!
DECAF LATTE? CURRANT SCONE? MY NAME'S BRIAN SEXTON-TOTH! FORMER HEAD WRITER FOR "MURPHY BROWN"! CAN I SHOW YOU A STORY IDEA?
The OASIS
The OASIS
8-25
WHILE IN ANOTHER WING--
I DON'T GET IT.. WE'VE GIVEN HIM OVER 30,000 VOLTS & NO EFFECT WHATSOEVER!
HE JUST KEEPS SINGING TH' OLD SARA LEE JINGLE!!
♫ EVERYBODY DOESN'T LIKE SOMETHING! BUT NOBODY DOESN'T LIKE SARA LEE!! ♫
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OKAY, GIVE HIM 60,000 THIS TIME!
♫ I'M A PEPPER, HE'S A PEPPER, SHE'S A PEPPER, WE'RE A PEPPER, WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO BE A PEPPER, TOO?!! ♫
ZZHHHT!!
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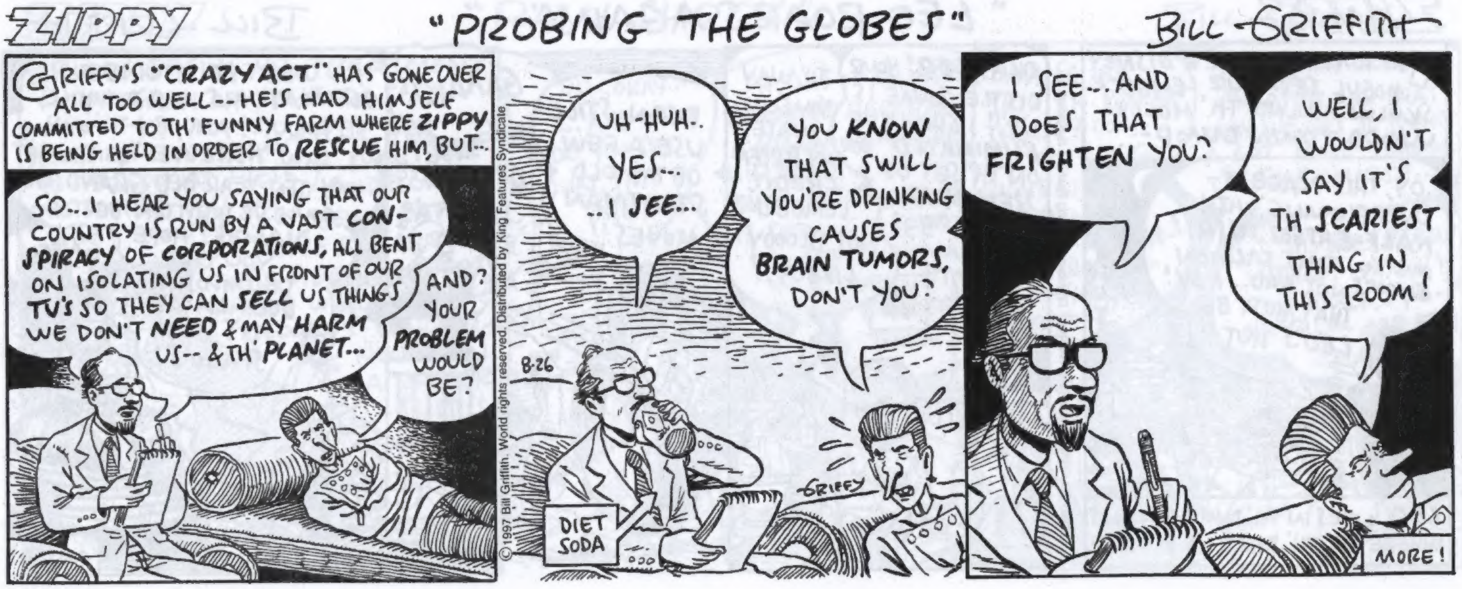
ZIPPY
"PROBING THE GLOBES"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY'S "CRAZY ACT" HAS GONE OVER ALL TOO WELL-- HE'S HAD HIMSELF COMMITTED TO TH' FUNNY FARM WHERE ZIPPY IS BEING HELD IN ORDER TO RESCUE HIM, BUT...
SO... I HEAR YOU SAYING THAT OUR COUNTRY IS RUN BY A VAST CONSPIRACY OF CORPORATIONS, ALL BENT ON ISOLATING US IN FRONT OF OUR TV'S SO THEY CAN SELL US THINGS WE DON'T NEED & MAY HARM US-- & TH' PLANET...
AND? YOUR PROBLEM WOULD BE?
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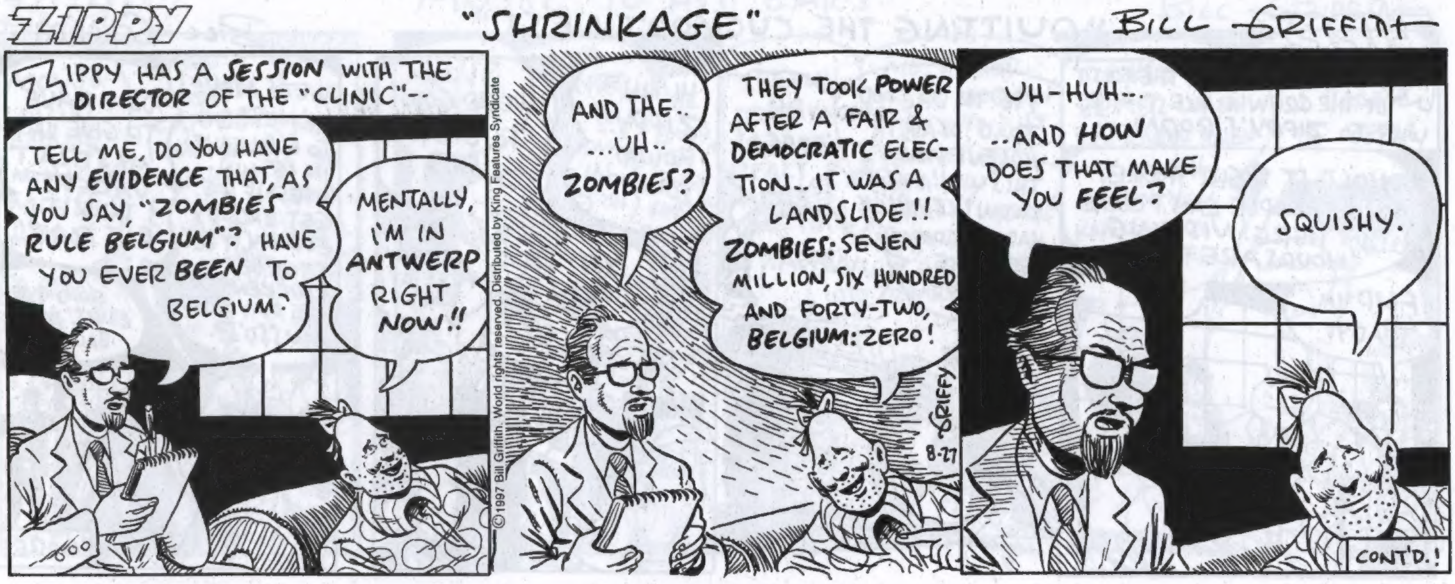
8-26
UH-HUH. YES... ..I SEE...
YOU KNOW THAT SWILL YOU'RE DRINKING CAUSES BRAIN TUMORS, DON'T YOU?
DIET SODA
GRIFFY
I SEE... AND DOES THAT FRIGHTEN YOU?
WELL, I WOULDN'T SAY IT'S TH' SCARIEST THING IN THIS ROOM!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"SHRINKAGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY HAS A SESSION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE "CLINIC"--
TELL ME, DO YOU HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT, AS YOU SAY, "ZOMBIES RULE BELGIUM"? HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO BELGIUM?
MENTALLY, I'M IN ANTWERP RIGHT NOW!!
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AND THE.. ...UH.. ZOMBIES?
THEY TOOK POWER AFTER A FAIR & DEMOCRATIC ELECTION.. IT WAS A LANDSLIDE!! ZOMBIES: SEVEN MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO, BELGIUM: ZERO!
GRIFFY
8-27
UH-HUH... ..AND HOW DOES THAT MAKE YOU FEEL?
SQUISHY.
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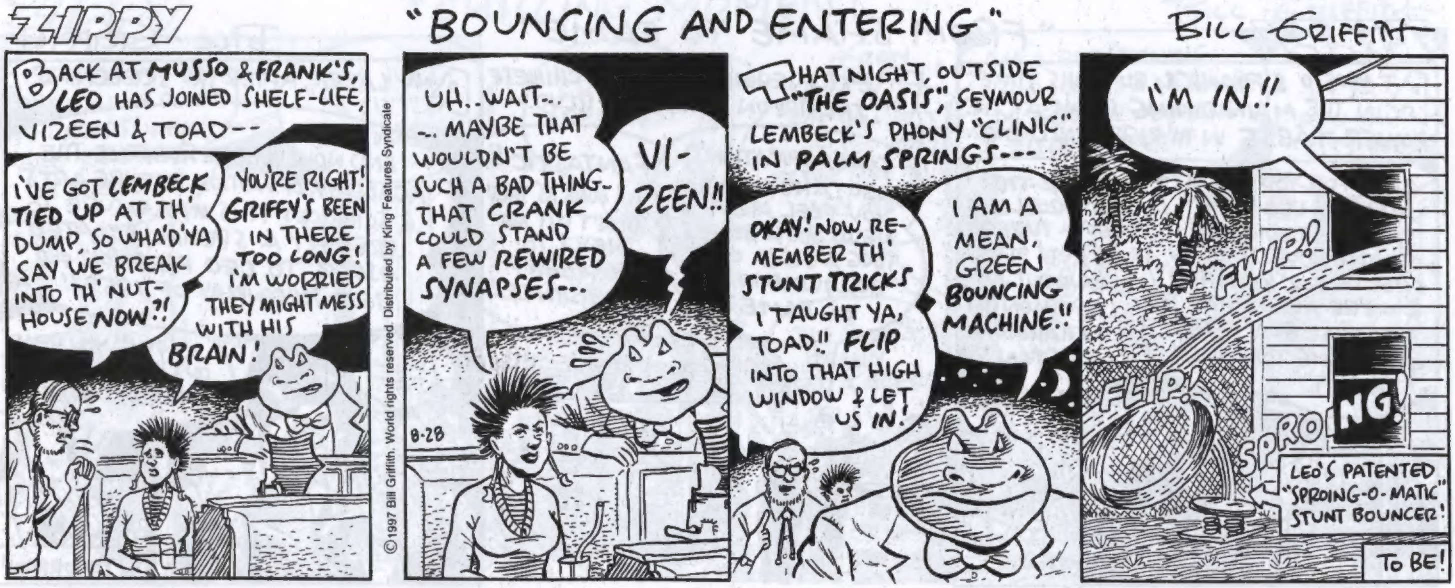
ZIPPY
"BOUNCING AND ENTERING"
BILL GRIFFITH
BACK AT MUSSO & FRANK'S, LEO HAS JOINED SHELF-LIFE, VIZEEN & TOAD--
I'VE GOT LEMBECK TIED UP AT TH' DUMP, SO WHA'D'YA SAY WE BREAK INTO TH' NUT-HOUSE NOW?!
YOU'RE RIGHT! GRIFFY'S BEEN IN THERE TOO LONG! I'M WORRIED THEY MIGHT MESS WITH HIS BRAIN!
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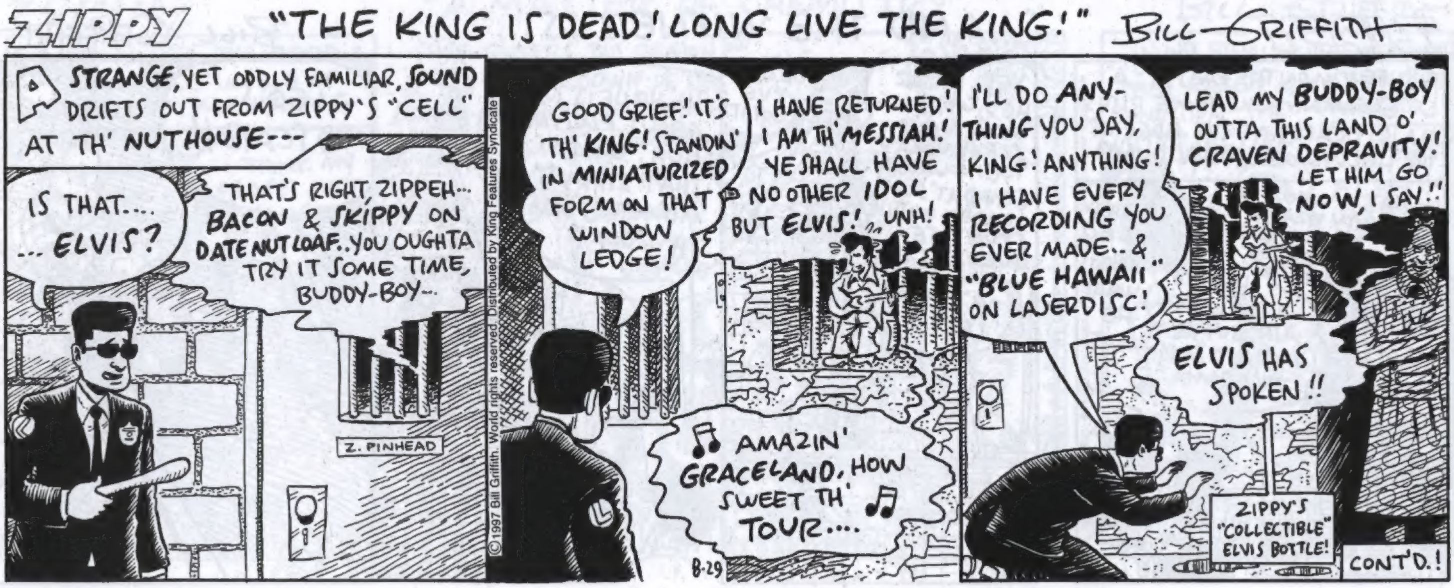
UH..WAIT.. ..MAYBE THAT WOULDN'T BE SUCH A BAD THING.. THAT CRANK COULD STAND A FEW REWIRED SYNAPSES---
VI-ZEEN!!
8-28
THAT NIGHT, OUTSIDE "THE OASIS," SEYMOUR LEMBECK'S PHONY "CLINIC" IN PALM SPRINGS---
OKAY! NOW, REMEMBER TH' STUNT TRICKS I TAUGHT YA, TOAD!! FLIP INTO THAT HIGH WINDOW & LET US IN!
I AM A MEAN, GREEN BOUNCING MACHINE!!
I'M IN!!
FWIP!
FLIP!
SPROING!
LEO'S PATENTED "SPROING-O-MATIC" STUNT BOUNCER!
TO BE!


ZIPPY
"THE KING IS DEAD! LONG LIVE THE KING!"
BILL GRIFFITH
A STRANGE, YET ODDLY FAMILIAR, SOUND DRIFTS OUT FROM ZIPPY'S "CELL" AT TH' NUTHOUSE---
IS THAT.... ...ELVIS?
THAT'S RIGHT, ZIPPEH... BACON & SKIPPY ON DATE NUT LOAF.. YOU OUGHTA TRY IT SOME TIME, BUDDY-BOY..
Z. PINHEAD
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GOOD GRIEF! IT'S TH' KING! STANDIN' IN MINIATURIZED FORM ON THAT WINDOW LEDGE!
I HAVE RETURNED! I AM TH' MESSIAH! YE SHALL HAVE NO OTHER IDOL BUT ELVIS! UNH!
♫ AMAZIN' GRACELAND, HOW SWEET TH' TOUR.... ♫
8-29
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY, KING! ANYTHING! I HAVE EVERY RECORDING YOU EVER MADE.. & "BLUE HAWAII" ON LASERDISC!
LEAD MY BUDDY-BOY OUTTA THIS LAND O' CRAVEN DEPRAVITY! LET HIM GO NOW, I SAY!!
ELVIS HAS SPOKEN!!
ZIPPY'S "COLLECTIBLE" ELVIS BOTTLE!
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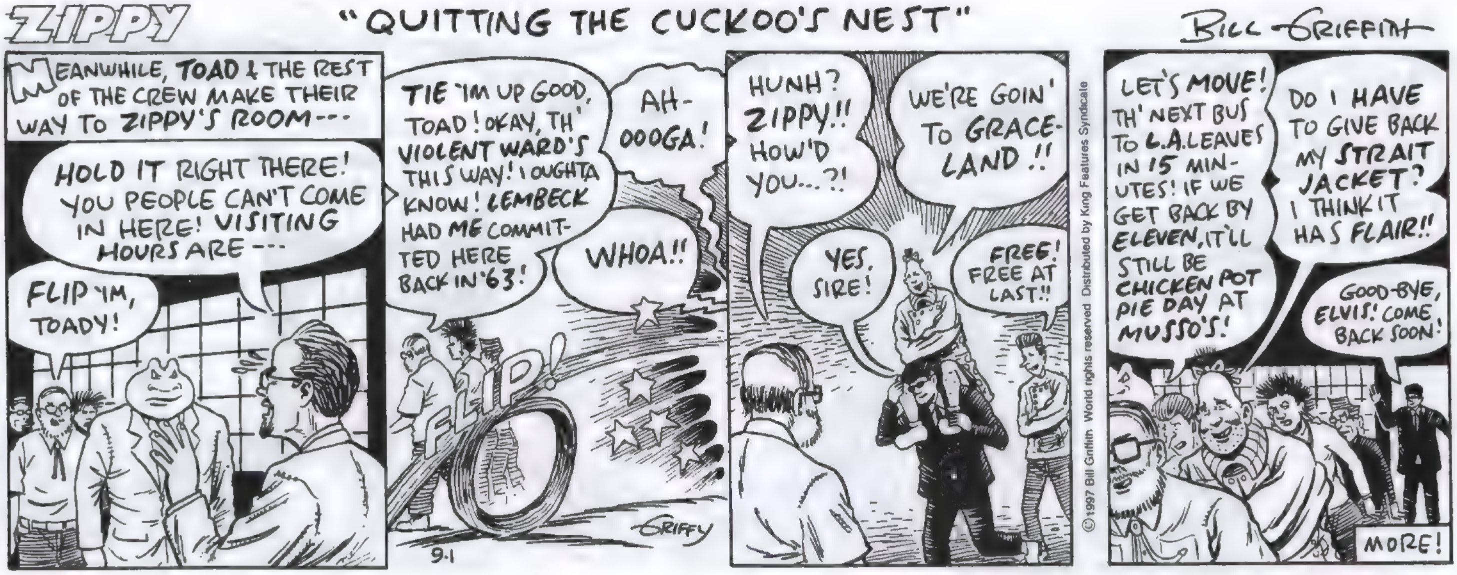
ZIPPY
"QUITTING THE CUCKOO'S NEST"
BILL GRIFFITH
MEANWHILE, TOAD & THE REST OF THE CREW MAKE THEIR WAY TO ZIPPY'S ROOM---
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE! YOU PEOPLE CAN'T COME IN HERE! VISITING HOURS ARE---
FLIP 'IM, TOADY!
TIE 'IM UP GOOD, TOAD! OKAY, TH' VIOLENT WARD'S THIS WAY! I OUGHTA KNOW! LEMBECK HAD ME COMMITTED HERE BACK IN '63!
AH-OOOGA!
WHOA!!
FLIP!
GRIFFY
9-1
HUNH? ZIPPY!! HOW'D YOU...?!
WE'RE GOIN' TO GRACELAND!!
YES, SIRE!
FREE! FREE AT LAST!!
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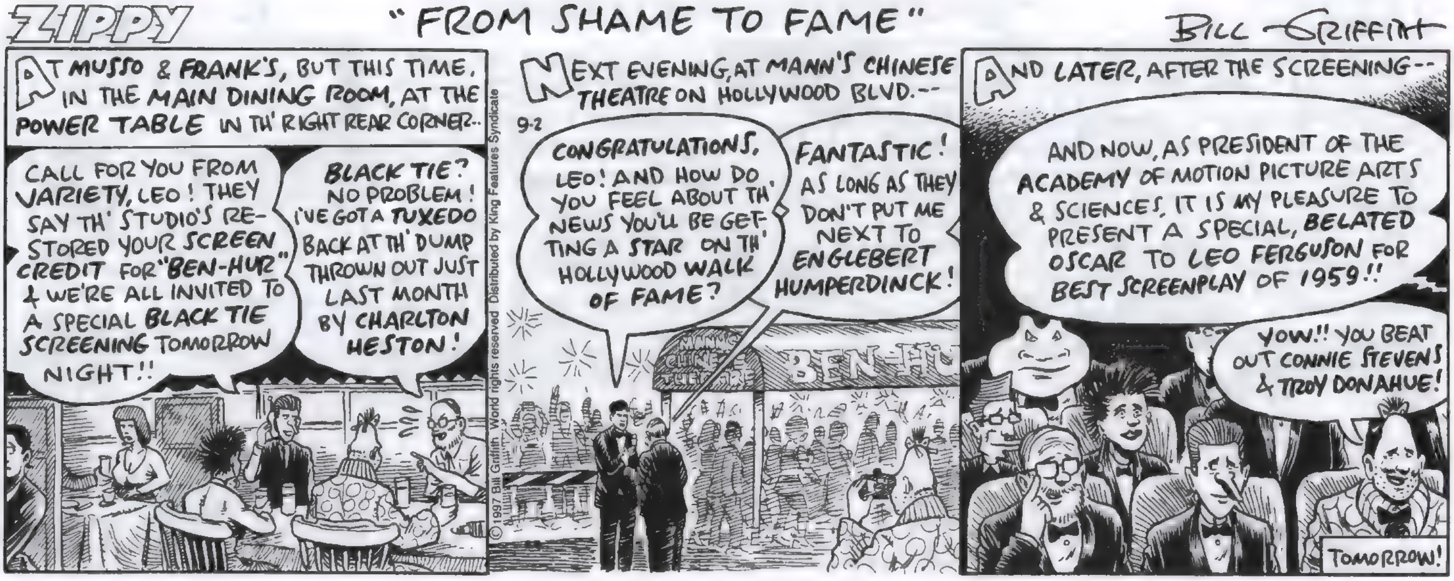
LET'S MOVE! TH' NEXT BUS TO L.A. LEAVES IN 15 MINUTES! IF WE GET BACK BY ELEVEN, IT'LL STILL BE CHICKEN POT PIE DAY AT MUSSO'S!
DO I HAVE TO GIVE BACK MY STRAIT JACKET? I THINK IT HAS FLAIR!!
GOOD-BYE, ELVIS! COME BACK SOON!
MORE!


ZIPPY
"FROM SHAME TO FAME"
BILL GRIFFITH
AT MUSSO & FRANK'S, BUT THIS TIME, IN THE MAIN DINING ROOM, AT THE POWER TABLE IN TH' RIGHT REAR CORNER..
CALL FOR YOU FROM VARIETY, LEO! THEY SAY TH' STUDIO'S RESTORED YOUR SCREEN CREDIT FOR "BEN-HUR" & WE'RE ALL INVITED TO A SPECIAL BLACK TIE SCREENING TOMORROW NIGHT!!
BLACK TIE? NO PROBLEM! I'VE GOT A TUXEDO BACK AT TH' DUMP THROWN OUT JUST LAST MONTH BY CHARLTON HESTON!
NEXT EVENING, AT MANN'S CHINESE THEATRE ON HOLLYWOOD BLVD.--
9-2
CONGRATULATIONS, LEO! AND HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT TH' NEWS YOU'LL BE GETTING A STAR ON TH' HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME?
FANTASTIC! AS LONG AS THEY DON'T PUT ME NEXT TO ENGLEBERT HUMPERDINCK!
MANN'S CHINESE THEATRE
BEN-HU
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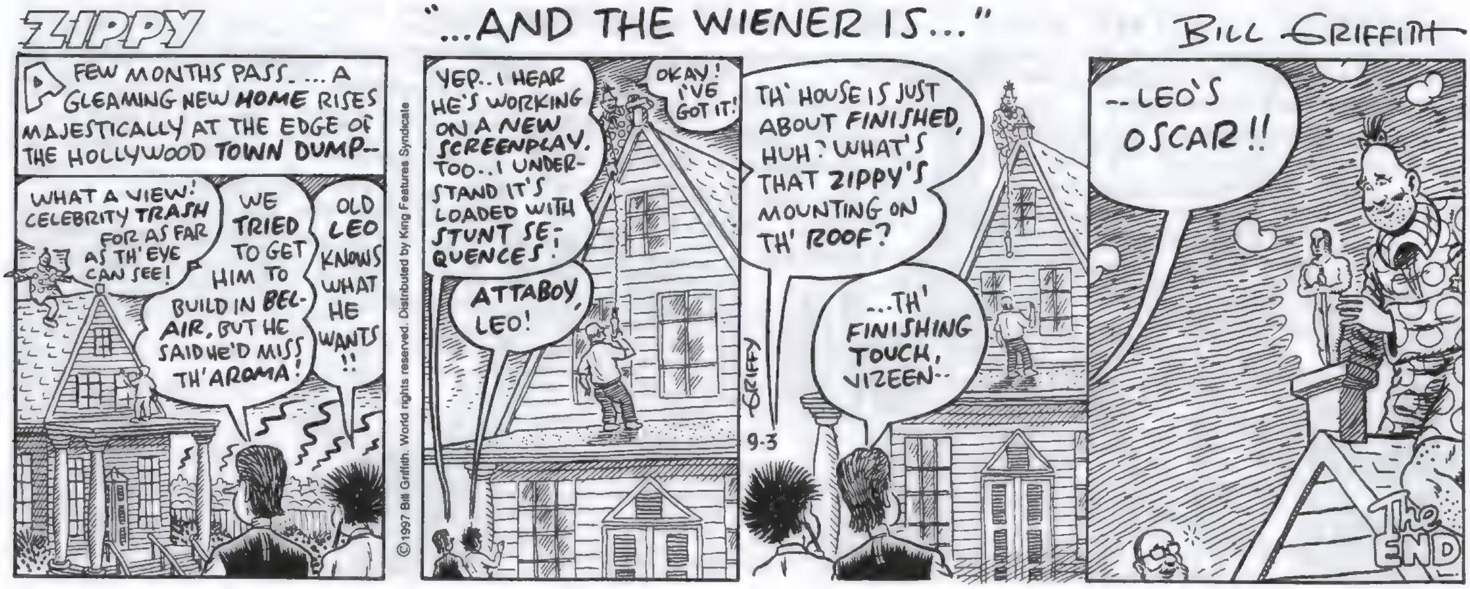
AND LATER, AFTER THE SCREENING--
AND NOW, AS PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMY OF MOTION PICTURE ARTS & SCIENCES, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A SPECIAL, BELATED OSCAR TO LEO FERGUSON FOR BEST SCREENPLAY OF 1959!!
YOW!! YOU BEAT OUT CONNIE STEVENS & TROY DONAHUE!
TOMORROW!


ZIPPY
"...AND THE WIENER IS..."
BILL GRIFFITH
A FEW MONTHS PASS.... A GLEAMING NEW HOME RISES MAJESTICALLY AT THE EDGE OF THE HOLLYWOOD TOWN DUMP--
WHAT A VIEW! CELEBRITY TRASH FOR AS FAR AS TH' EYE CAN SEE!
WE TRIED TO GET HIM TO BUILD IN BEL-AIR, BUT HE SAID HE'D MISS TH' AROMA!
OLD LEO KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS!!
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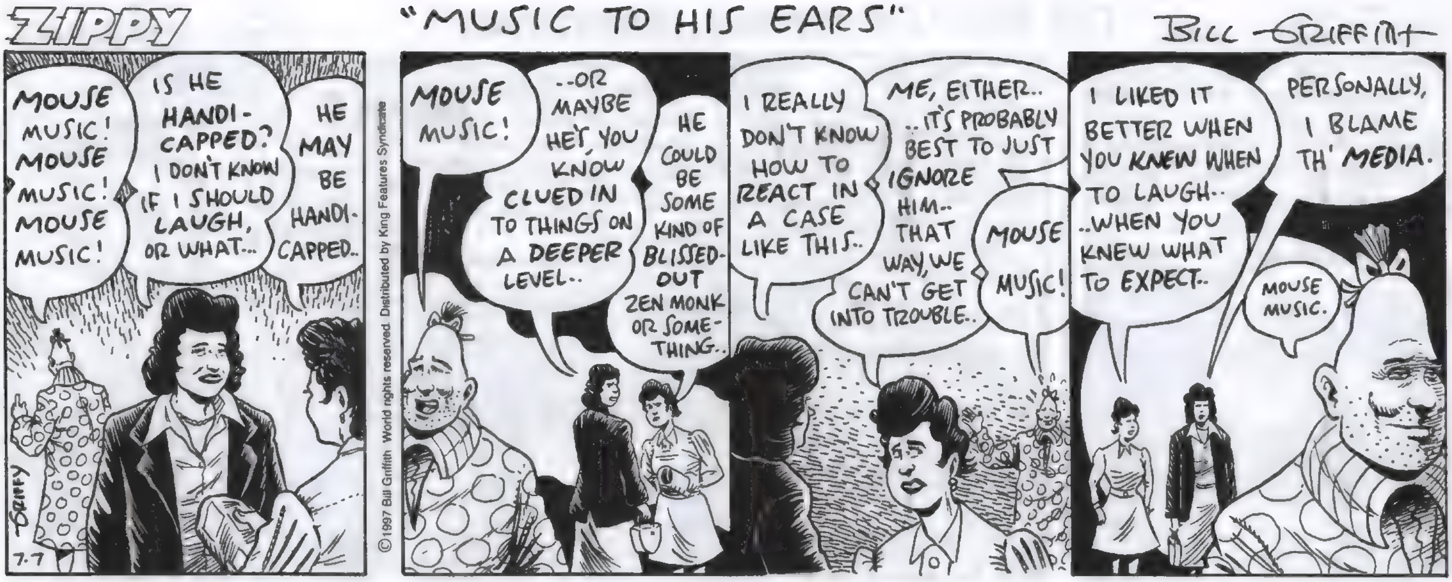
YEP.. I HEAR HE'S WORKING ON A NEW SCREENPLAY, TOO.. I UNDERSTAND IT'S LOADED WITH STUNT SEQUENCES!
OKAY! I'VE GOT IT!
ATTABOY, LEO!
GRIFFY
9-3
TH' HOUSE IS JUST ABOUT FINISHED, HUH? WHAT'S THAT ZIPPY'S MOUNTING ON TH' ROOF?
...TH' FINISHING TOUCH, VIZEEN--
--LEO'S OSCAR!!
The END


ZIPPY
"MUSIC TO HIS EARS"
BILL GRIFFITH
MOUSE MUSIC! MOUSE MUSIC! MOUSE MUSIC! MOUSE MUSIC!
IS HE HANDI-CAPPED? I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD LAUGH, OR WHAT...
HE MAY BE HANDI-CAPPED..
GRIFFY 7-7
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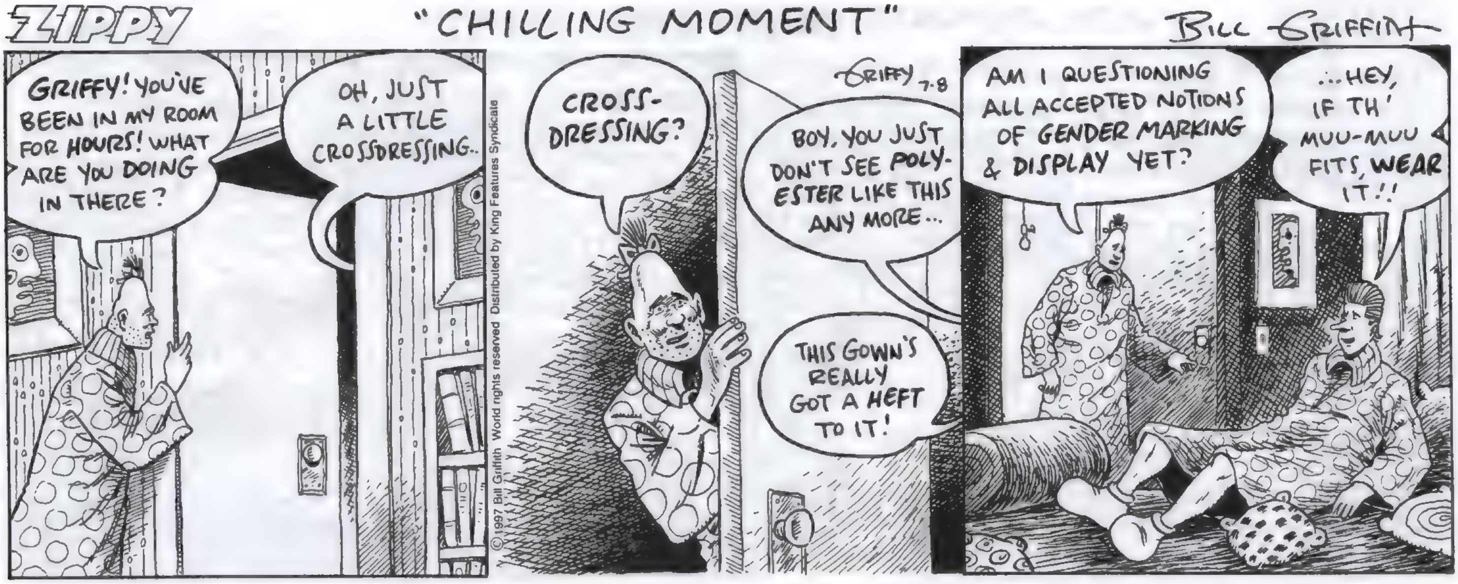
MOUSE MUSIC!
..OR MAYBE HE'S, YOU KNOW CLUED IN TO THINGS ON A DEEPER LEVEL..
HE COULD BE SOME KIND OF BLISSED-OUT ZEN MONK OR SOME-THING..
I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO REACT IN A CASE LIKE THIS..
ME, EITHER.. ..IT'S PROBABLY BEST TO JUST IGNORE HIM.. THAT WAY, WE CAN'T GET INTO TROUBLE..
MOUSE MUSIC!
I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN YOU KNEW WHEN TO LAUGH.. ..WHEN YOU KNEW WHAT TO EXPECT..
PERSONALLY, I BLAME TH' MEDIA.
MOUSE MUSIC.


ZIPPY
"CHILLING MOMENT"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY! YOU'VE BEEN IN MY ROOM FOR HOURS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THERE?
OH, JUST A LITTLE CROSSDRESSING..
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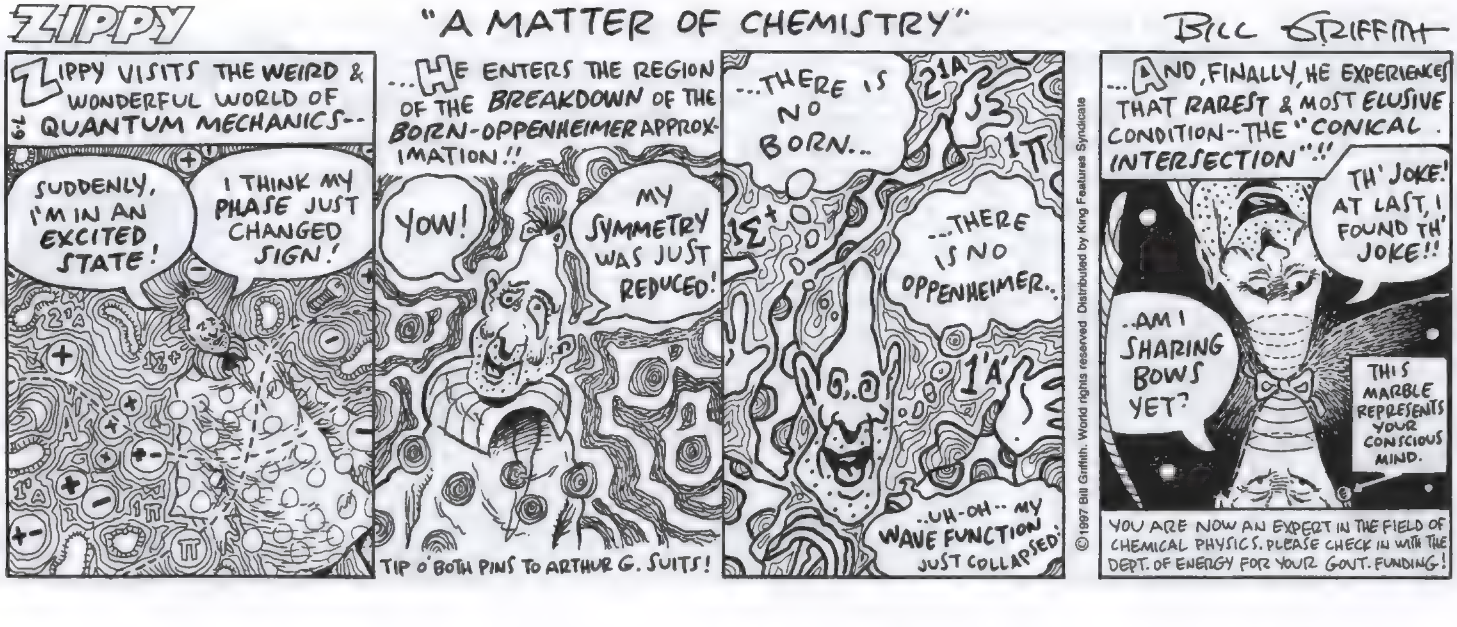
CROSS-DRESSING?
GRIFFY 7-8
BOY, YOU JUST DON'T SEE POLY-ESTER LIKE THIS ANY MORE...
THIS GOWN'S REALLY GOT A HEFT TO IT!
AM I QUESTIONING ALL ACCEPTED NOTIONS OF GENDER MARKING & DISPLAY YET?
...HEY, IF TH' MUU-MUU FITS, WEAR IT!!


ZIPPY
"A MATTER OF CHEMISTRY"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY VISITS THE WEIRD & WONDERFUL WORLD OF QUANTUM MECHANICS--
7-9
SUDDENLY, I'M IN AN EXCITED STATE!
I THINK MY PHASE JUST CHANGED SIGN!
...HE ENTERS THE REGION OF THE BREAKDOWN OF THE BORN-OPPENHEIMER APPROX-IMATION!!
YOW!
MY SYMMETRY WAS JUST REDUCED!
TIP O' BOTH PINS TO ARTHUR G. SUITS!
...THERE IS NO BORN...
...THERE IS NO OPPENHEIMER..
..UH-OH.. MY WAVE FUNCTION JUST COLLAPSED!
...AND, FINALLY, HE EXPERIENCES THAT RAREST & MOST ELUSIVE CONDITION--THE "CONICAL INTERSECTION"!!
TH' JOKE! AT LAST, I FOUND TH' JOKE!!
..AM I SHARING BOWS YET?
THIS MARBLE REPRESENTS YOUR CONSCIOUS MIND.
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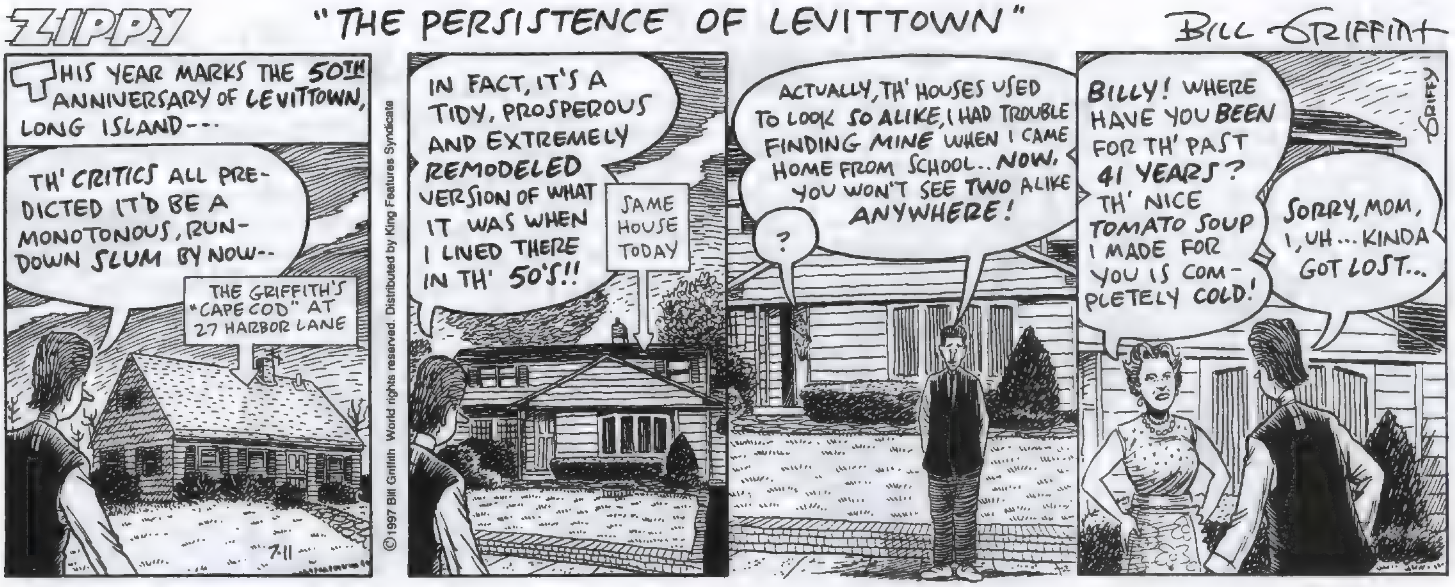
YOU ARE NOW AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD OF CHEMICAL PHYSICS. PLEASE CHECK IN WITH THE DEPT. OF ENERGY FOR YOUR GOVT. FUNDING!


ZIPPY
"THE PERSISTENCE OF LEVITTOWN"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS YEAR MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEVITTOWN, LONG ISLAND---
TH' CRITICS ALL PREDICTED IT'D BE A MONOTONOUS, RUN-DOWN SLUM BY NOW--
THE GRIFFITH'S "CAPE COD" AT 27 HARBOR LANE
7-11
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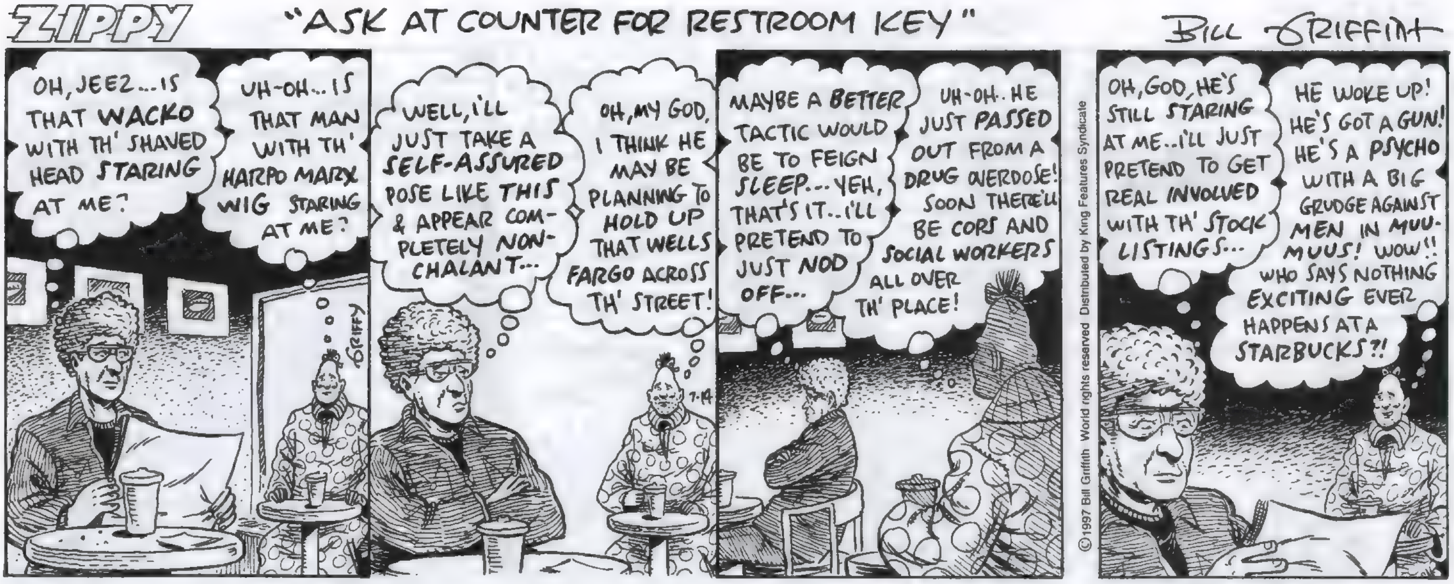
IN FACT, IT'S A TIDY, PROSPEROUS AND EXTREMELY REMODELED VERSION OF WHAT IT WAS WHEN I LIVED THERE IN TH' 50'S!!
SAME HOUSE TODAY
ACTUALLY, TH' HOUSES USED TO LOOK SO ALIKE, I HAD TROUBLE FINDING MINE WHEN I CAME HOME FROM SCHOOL.. NOW, YOU WON'T SEE TWO ALIKE ANYWHERE!
?
BILLY! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN FOR TH' PAST 41 YEARS? TH' NICE TOMATO SOUP I MADE FOR YOU IS COMPLETELY COLD!
SORRY, MOM, I, UH... KINDA GOT LOST...
GRIFFY


ZIPPY
"ASK AT COUNTER FOR RESTROOM KEY"
BILL GRIFFITH
OH, JEEZ... IS THAT WACKO WITH TH' SHAVED HEAD STARING AT ME?
UH-OH.. IS THAT MAN WITH TH' HARPO MARX WIG STARING AT ME?
GRIFFY
WELL, I'LL JUST TAKE A SELF-ASSURED POSE LIKE THIS & APPEAR COMPLETELY NON-CHALANT...
OH, MY GOD, I THINK HE MAY BE PLANNING TO HOLD UP THAT WELLS FARGO ACROSS TH' STREET!
7-14
MAYBE A BETTER TACTIC WOULD BE TO FEIGN SLEEP... YEH, THAT'S IT.. I'LL PRETEND TO JUST NOD OFF...
UH-OH.. HE JUST PASSED OUT FROM A DRUG OVERDOSE! SOON THERE'LL BE COPS AND SOCIAL WORKERS ALL OVER TH' PLACE!
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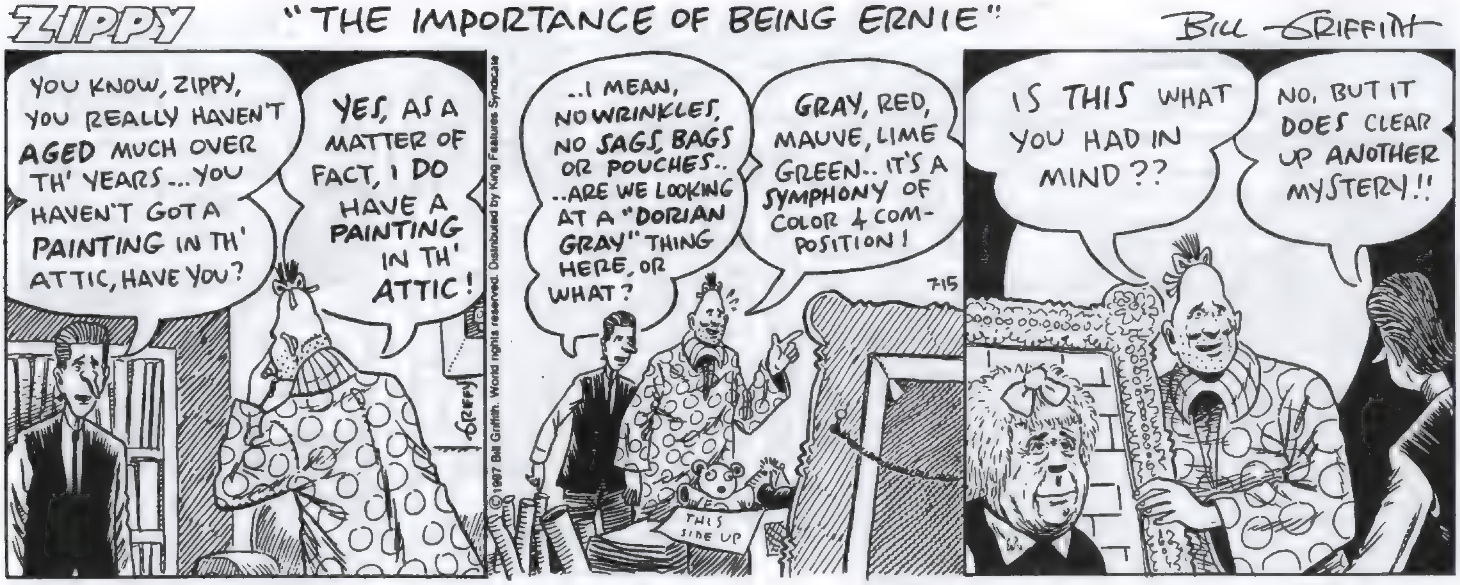
OH, GOD, HE'S STILL STARING AT ME.. I'LL JUST PRETEND TO GET REAL INVOLVED WITH TH' STOCK LISTINGS...
HE WOKE UP! HE'S GOT A GUN! HE'S A PSYCHO WITH A BIG GRUDGE AGAINST MEN IN MUU-MUUS! WOW!! WHO SAYS NOTHING EXCITING EVER HAPPENS AT A STARBUCKS?!


ZIPPY
"THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ERNIE"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW, ZIPPY, YOU REALLY HAVEN'T AGED MUCH OVER TH' YEARS... YOU HAVEN'T GOT A PAINTING IN TH' ATTIC, HAVE YOU?
YES, AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO HAVE A PAINTING IN TH' ATTIC!
GRIFFY
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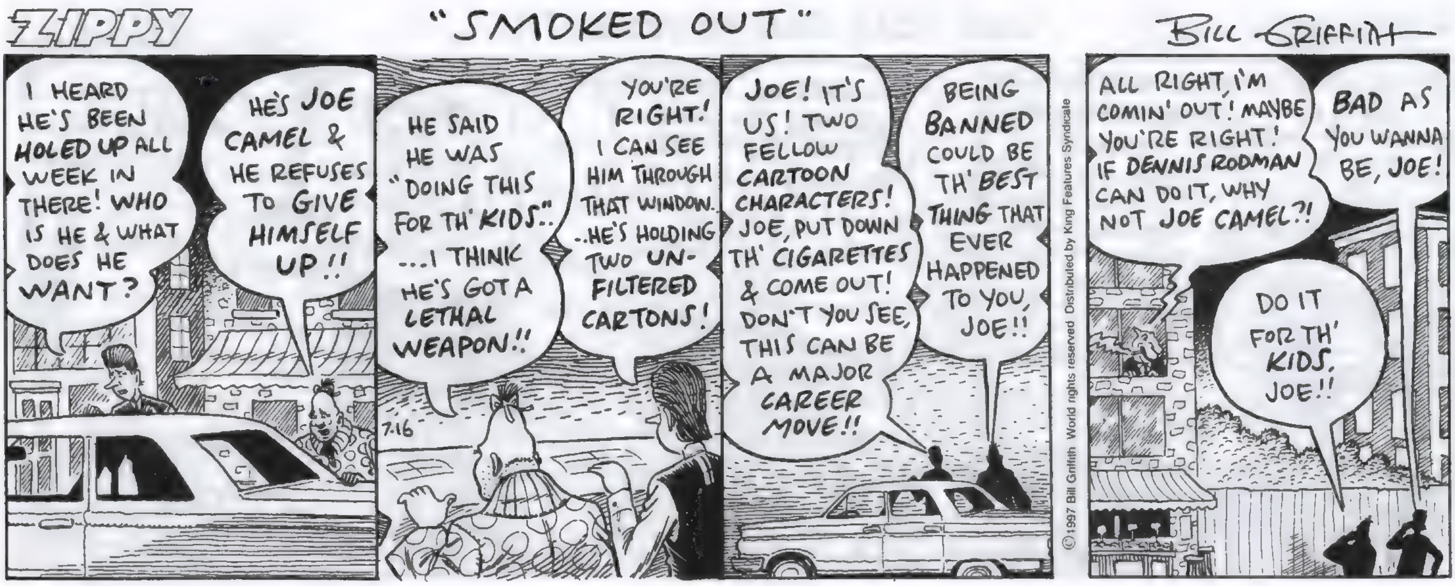
..I MEAN, NO WRINKLES, NO SAGS, BAGS OR POUCHES.. ..ARE WE LOOKING AT A "DORIAN GRAY" THING HERE, OR WHAT?
GRAY, RED, MAUVE, LIME GREEN.. IT'S A SYMPHONY OF COLOR & COMPOSITION!
7-15
THIS SIDE UP
IS THIS WHAT YOU HAD IN MIND??
NO, BUT IT DOES CLEAR UP ANOTHER MYSTERY!!


ZIPPY
"SMOKED OUT"
BILL GRIFFITH
I HEARD HE'S BEEN HOLED UP ALL WEEK IN THERE! WHO IS HE & WHAT DOES HE WANT?
HE'S JOE CAMEL & HE REFUSES TO GIVE HIMSELF UP!!
HE SAID HE WAS "DOING THIS FOR TH' KIDS"... ...I THINK HE'S GOT A LETHAL WEAPON!!
YOU'RE RIGHT! I CAN SEE HIM THROUGH THAT WINDOW. ..HE'S HOLDING TWO UN-FILTERED CARTONS!
7-16
JOE! IT'S US! TWO FELLOW CARTOON CHARACTERS! JOE, PUT DOWN TH' CIGARETTES & COME OUT! DON'T YOU SEE, THIS CAN BE A MAJOR CAREER MOVE!!
BEING BANNED COULD BE TH' BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO YOU, JOE!!
ALL RIGHT, I'M COMIN' OUT! MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! IF DENNIS RODMAN CAN DO IT, WHY NOT JOE CAMEL?!
BAD AS YOU WANNA BE, JOE!
DO IT FOR TH' KIDS, JOE!!
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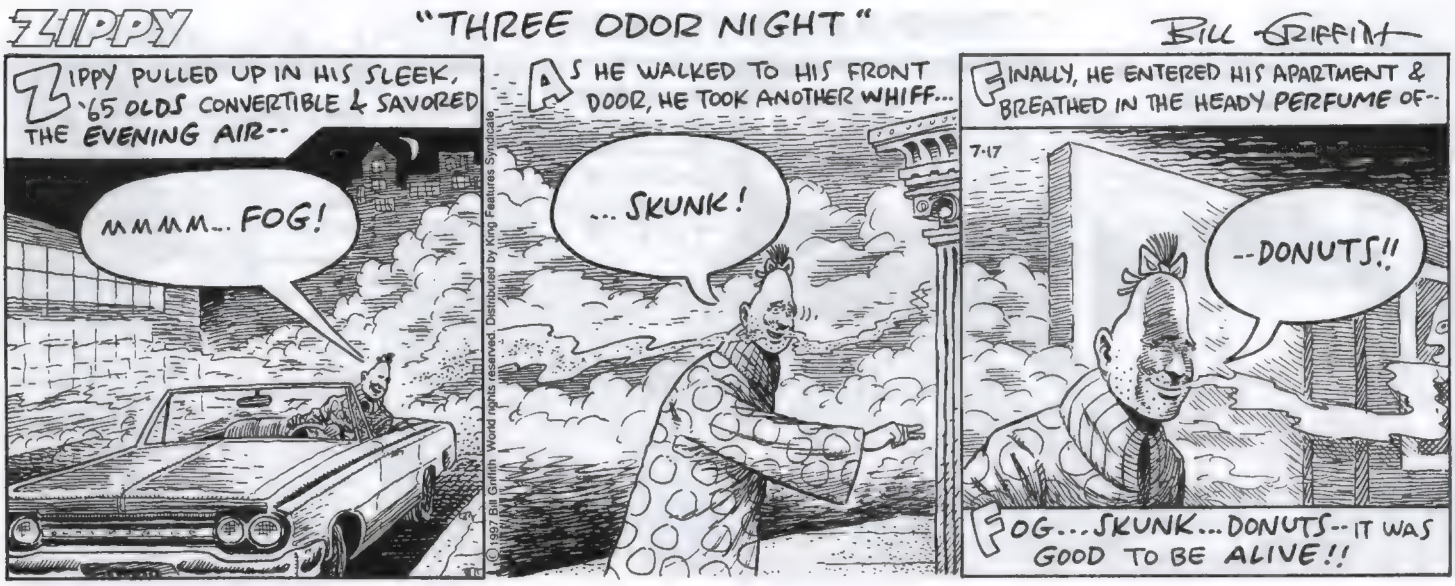
ZIPPY
"THREE ODOR NIGHT"
BILL GRIFFITH
ZIPPY PULLED UP IN HIS SLEEK, '65 OLDS CONVERTIBLE & SAVORED THE EVENING AIR--
MMMM... FOG!
AS HE WALKED TO HIS FRONT DOOR, HE TOOK ANOTHER WHIFF...
...SKUNK!
FINALLY, HE ENTERED HIS APARTMENT & BREATHED IN THE HEADY PERFUME OF--
7-17
--DONUTS!!
FOG...SKUNK...DONUTS-- IT WAS GOOD TO BE ALIVE!!
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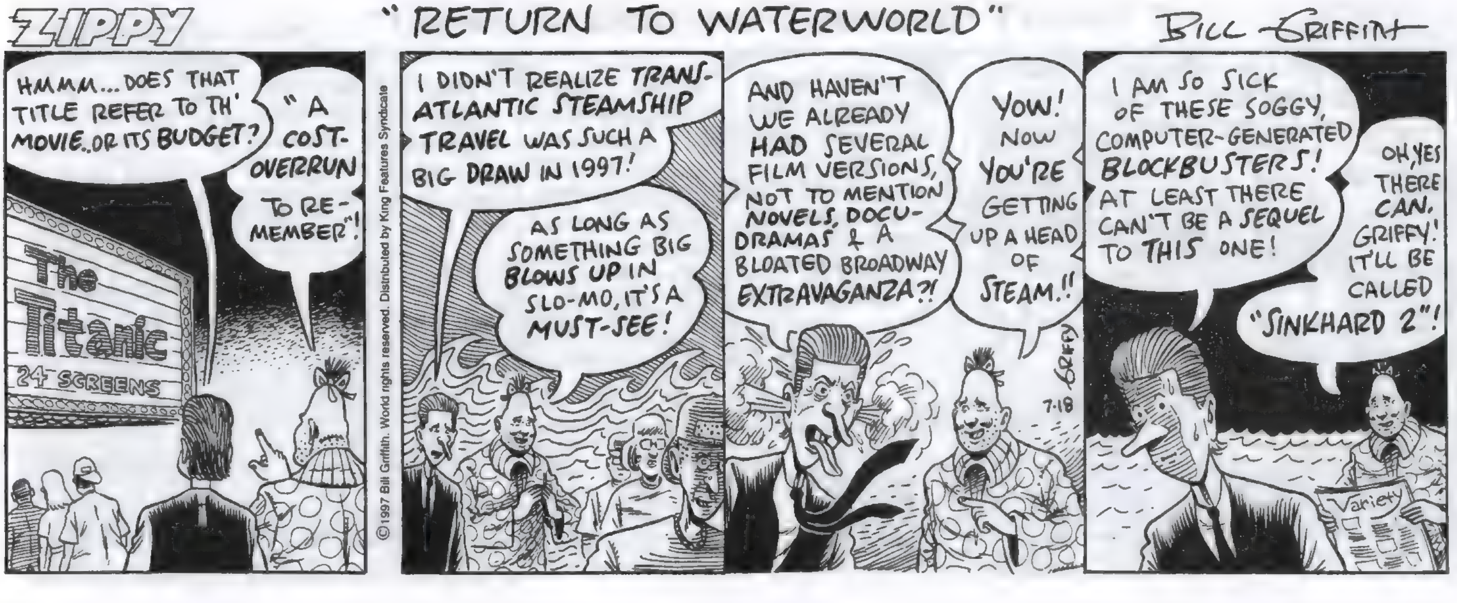
ZIPPY
"RETURN TO WATERWORLD"
BILL GRIFFITH
HMMM... DOES THAT TITLE REFER TO TH' MOVIE..OR ITS BUDGET?
"A COST-OVERRUN TO RE-MEMBER"!
The Titanic
24 SCREENS
I DIDN'T REALIZE TRANS-ATLANTIC STEAMSHIP TRAVEL WAS SUCH A BIG DRAW IN 1997!
AS LONG AS SOMETHING BIG BLOWS UP IN SLO-MO, IT'S A MUST-SEE!
AND HAVEN'T WE ALREADY HAD SEVERAL FILM VERSIONS, NOT TO MENTION NOVELS, DOCU-DRAMAS & A BLOATED BROADWAY EXTRAVAGANZA?!
YOW! NOW YOU'RE GETTING UP A HEAD OF STEAM!!
GRIFFY
7-18
I AM SO SICK OF THESE SOGGY, COMPUTER-GENERATED BLOCKBUSTERS! AT LEAST THERE CAN'T BE A SEQUEL TO THIS ONE!
OH, YES THERE CAN, GRIFFY! IT'LL BE CALLED "SINKHARD 2"!
Variety
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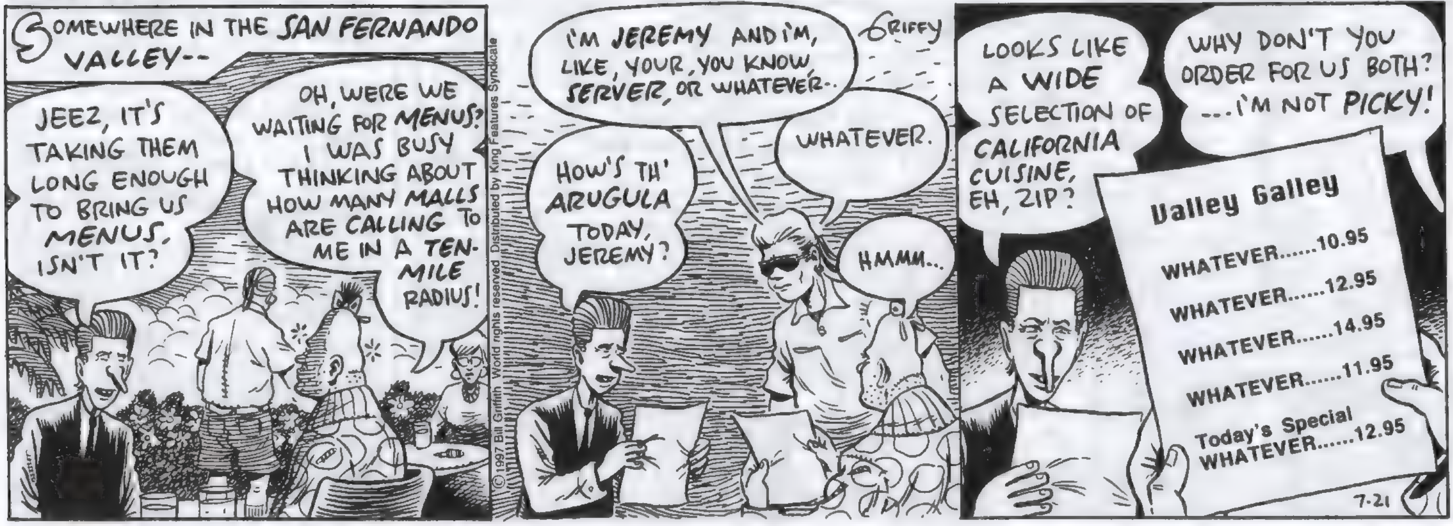
ZIPPY "AND HOLD THE PRONOUN" BILL GRIFFITH


SOMEWHERE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY--
JEEZ, IT'S TAKING THEM LONG ENOUGH TO BRING US MENUS, ISN'T IT?
OH, WERE WE WAITING FOR MENUS? I WAS BUSY THINKING ABOUT HOW MANY MALLS ARE CALLING TO ME IN A TEN-MILE RADIUS!
I'M JEREMY AND I'M, LIKE, YOUR, YOU KNOW SERVER, OR WHATEVER..
GRIFFY
HOW'S TH' ARUGULA TODAY, JEREMY?
WHATEVER.
HMMM...
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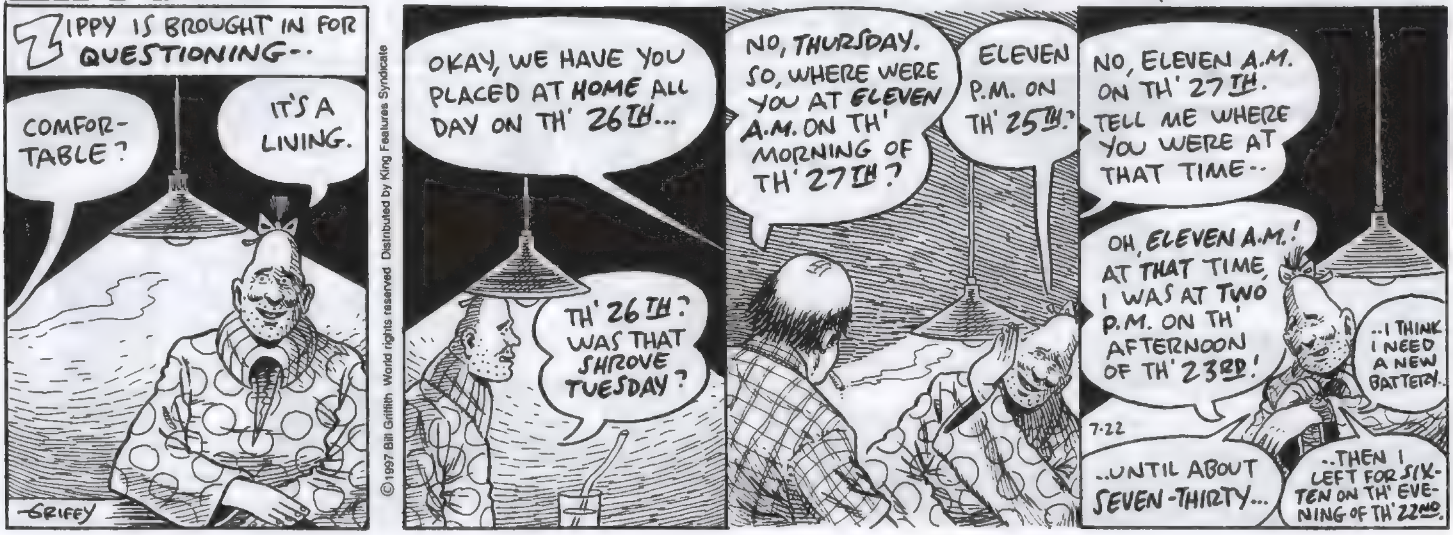
LOOKS LIKE A WIDE SELECTION OF CALIFORNIA CUISINE, EH, ZIP?
WHY DON'T YOU ORDER FOR US BOTH? ...I'M NOT PICKY!
Valley Galley
WHATEVER......10.95
WHATEVER......12.95
WHATEVER......14.95
WHATEVER......11.95
Today's Special WHATEVER......12.95
7-21

ZIPPY "TIME AFTER TIME" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY IS BROUGHT IN FOR QUESTIONING--
COMFORTABLE?
IT'S A LIVING.
GRIFFY
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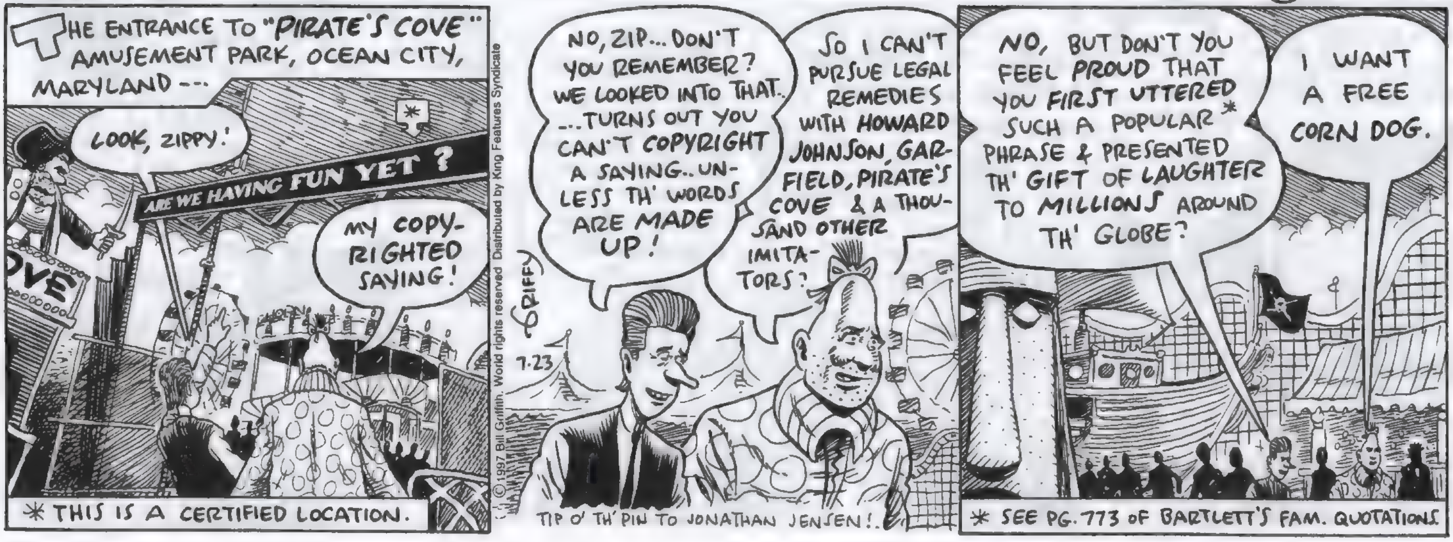
OKAY, WE HAVE YOU PLACED AT HOME ALL DAY ON TH' 26TH...
TH' 26TH? WAS THAT SHROVE TUESDAY?
NO, THURSDAY. SO, WHERE WERE YOU AT ELEVEN A.M. ON TH' MORNING OF TH' 27TH?
ELEVEN P.M. ON TH' 25TH?
NO, ELEVEN A.M. ON TH' 27TH. TELL ME WHERE YOU WERE AT THAT TIME--
OH, ELEVEN A.M.! AT THAT TIME, I WAS AT TWO P.M. ON TH' AFTERNOON OF TH' 23RD!
..I THINK I NEED A NEW BATTERY..
7-22
..UNTIL ABOUT SEVEN-THIRTY...
..THEN I LEFT FOR SIXTEN ON TH' EVENING OF TH' 22ND.

ZIPPY "IT DOESN'T MEAN WHAT YOU THINK IT MEANS" BILL GRIFFITH


THE ENTRANCE TO "PIRATE'S COVE" AMUSEMENT PARK, OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND --.
LOOK, ZIPPY!
ARE WE HAVING FUN YET ?
MY COPYRIGHTED SAYING!
COVE
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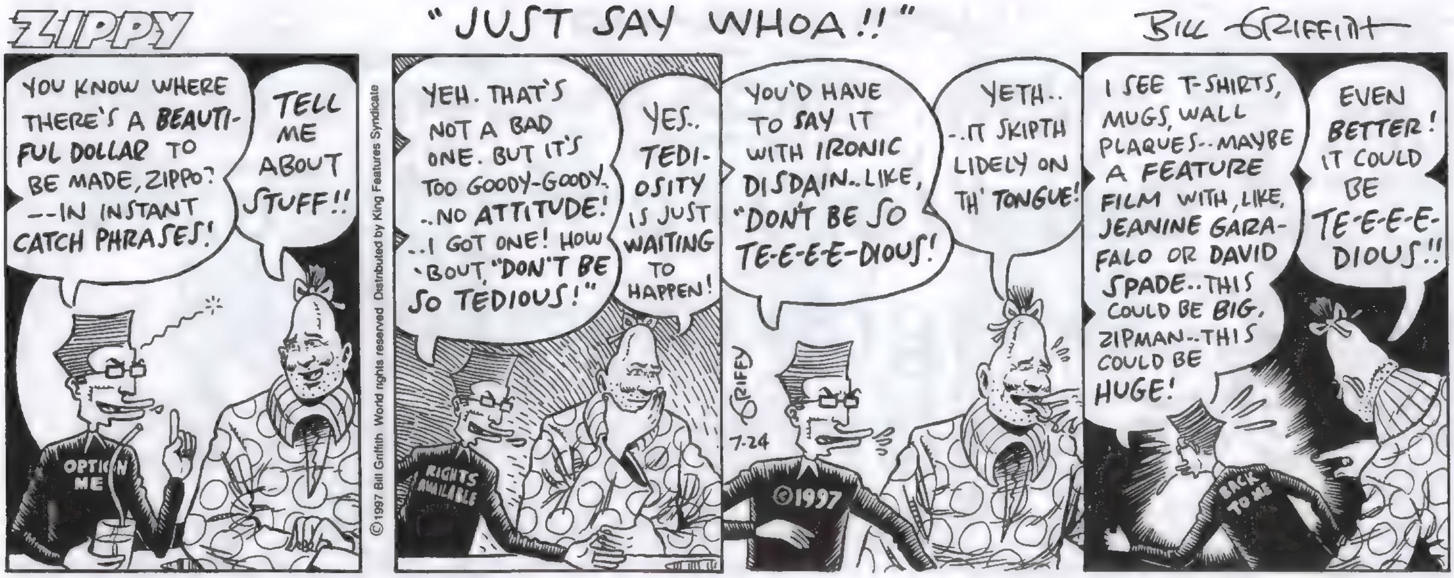
NO, ZIP... DON'T YOU REMEMBER? WE LOOKED INTO THAT. ...TURNS OUT YOU CAN'T COPYRIGHT A SAYING.. UNLESS TH' WORDS ARE MADE UP!
SO I CAN'T PURSUE LEGAL REMEDIES WITH HOWARD JOHNSON, GARFIELD, PIRATE'S COVE & A THOUSAND OTHER IMITATORS?
GRIFFY
7-23
TIP O' TH' PIN TO JONATHAN JENSEN!.
NO, BUT DON'T YOU FEEL PROUD THAT YOU FIRST UTTERED SUCH A POPULAR* PHRASE & PRESENTED TH' GIFT OF LAUGHTER TO MILLIONS AROUND TH' GLOBE?
I WANT A FREE CORN DOG.
* SEE PG. 773 OF BARTLETT'S FAM. QUOTATIONS.


ZIPPY
"JUST SAY WHOA!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU KNOW WHERE THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL DOLLAR TO BE MADE, ZIPPO? --IN INSTANT CATCH PHRASES!
TELL ME ABOUT STUFF!!
OPTION ME
YEH. THAT'S NOT A BAD ONE. BUT IT'S TOO GOODY-GOODY. ..NO ATTITUDE! ..I GOT ONE! HOW 'BOUT, "DON'T BE SO TEDIOUS!"
YES.. TEDIOSITY IS JUST WAITING TO HAPPEN!
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YOU'D HAVE TO SAY IT WITH IRONIC DISDAIN..LIKE, "DON'T BE SO TE-E-E-E-DIOUS!
YETH.. ..IT SKIPTH LIDELY ON TH' TONGUE!
GRIFFY
7-24
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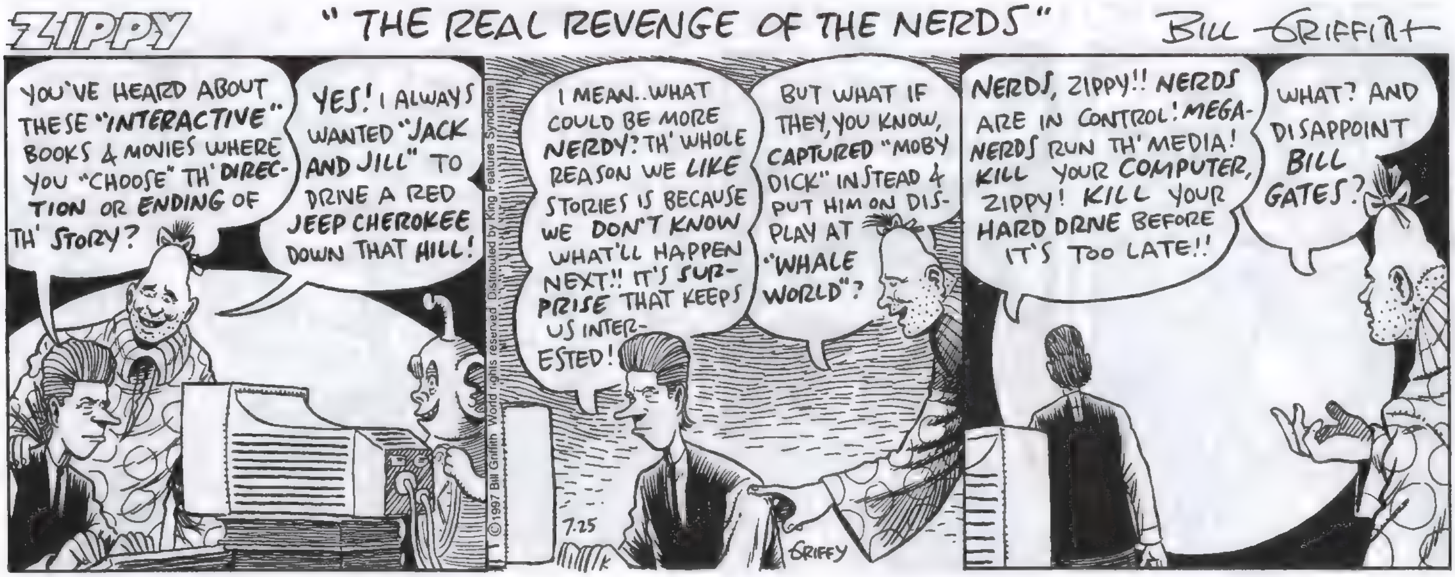
I SEE T-SHIRTS, MUGS, WALL PLAQUES--MAYBE A FEATURE FILM WITH, LIKE, JEANINE GARAFALO OR DAVID SPADE..THIS COULD BE BIG, ZIPMAN--THIS COULD BE HUGE!
EVEN BETTER! IT COULD BE TE-E-E-E-DIOUS!!
BACK TO ME


ZIPPY
"THE REAL REVENGE OF THE NERDS"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THESE "INTERACTIVE" BOOKS & MOVIES WHERE YOU "CHOOSE" TH' DIRECTION OR ENDING OF TH' STORY?
YES! I ALWAYS WANTED "JACK AND JILL" TO DRIVE A RED JEEP CHEROKEE DOWN THAT HILL!
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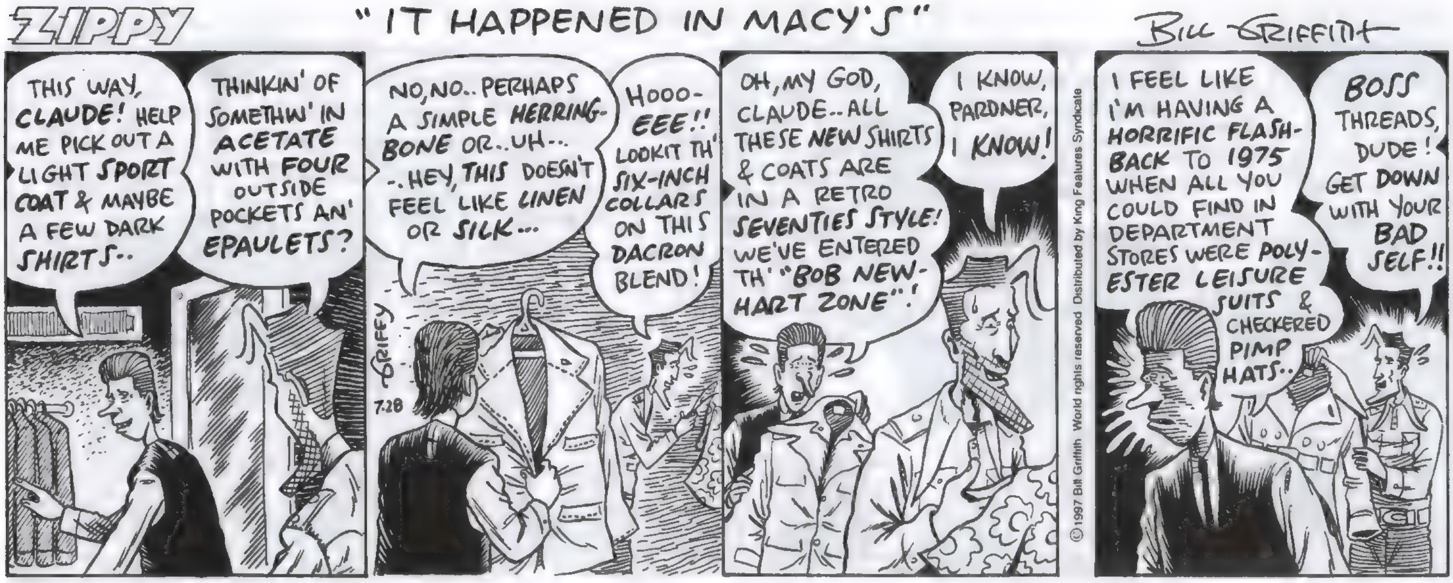
I MEAN..WHAT COULD BE MORE NERDY? TH' WHOLE REASON WE LIKE STORIES IS BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN NEXT!! IT'S SURPRISE THAT KEEPS US INTERESTED!
BUT WHAT IF THEY, YOU KNOW, CAPTURED "MOBY DICK" INSTEAD & PUT HIM ON DISPLAY AT "WHALE WORLD"?
7-25
GRIFFY
NERDS, ZIPPY!! NERDS ARE IN CONTROL! MEGA-NERDS RUN TH' MEDIA! KILL YOUR COMPUTER, ZIPPY! KILL YOUR HARD DRIVE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!!
WHAT? AND DISAPPOINT BILL GATES?


ZIPPY
"IT HAPPENED IN MACY'S"
BILL GRIFFITH
THIS WAY, CLAUDE! HELP ME PICK OUT A LIGHT SPORT COAT & MAYBE A FEW DARK SHIRTS..
THINKIN' OF SOMETHIN' IN ACETATE WITH FOUR OUTSIDE POCKETS AN' EPAULETS?
NO, NO.. PERHAPS A SIMPLE HERRINGBONE OR..UH-- --HEY, THIS DOESN'T FEEL LIKE LINEN OR SILK...
HOOO-EEE!! LOOKIT TH' SIX-INCH COLLARS ON THIS DACRON BLEND!
GRIFFY
7-28
OH, MY GOD, CLAUDE..ALL THESE NEW SHIRTS & COATS ARE IN A RETRO SEVENTIES STYLE! WE'VE ENTERED TH' "BOB NEWHART ZONE"!
I KNOW, PARDNER, I KNOW!
I FEEL LIKE I'M HAVING A HORRIFIC FLASHBACK TO 1975 WHEN ALL YOU COULD FIND IN DEPARTMENT STORES WERE POLYESTER LEISURE SUITS & CHECKERED PIMP HATS..
BOSS THREADS, DUDE! GET DOWN WITH YOUR BAD SELF!!
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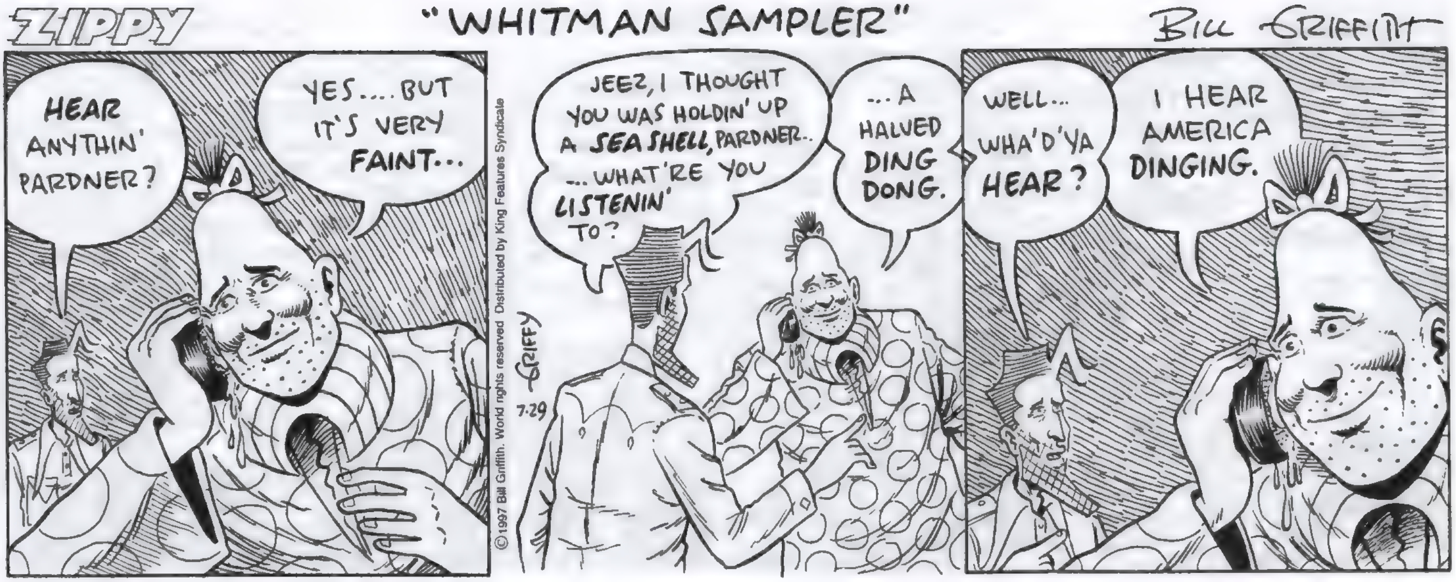
ZIPPY
"WHITMAN SAMPLER"
BILL GRIFFITH
HEAR ANYTHIN' PARDNER?
YES.... BUT IT'S VERY FAINT...
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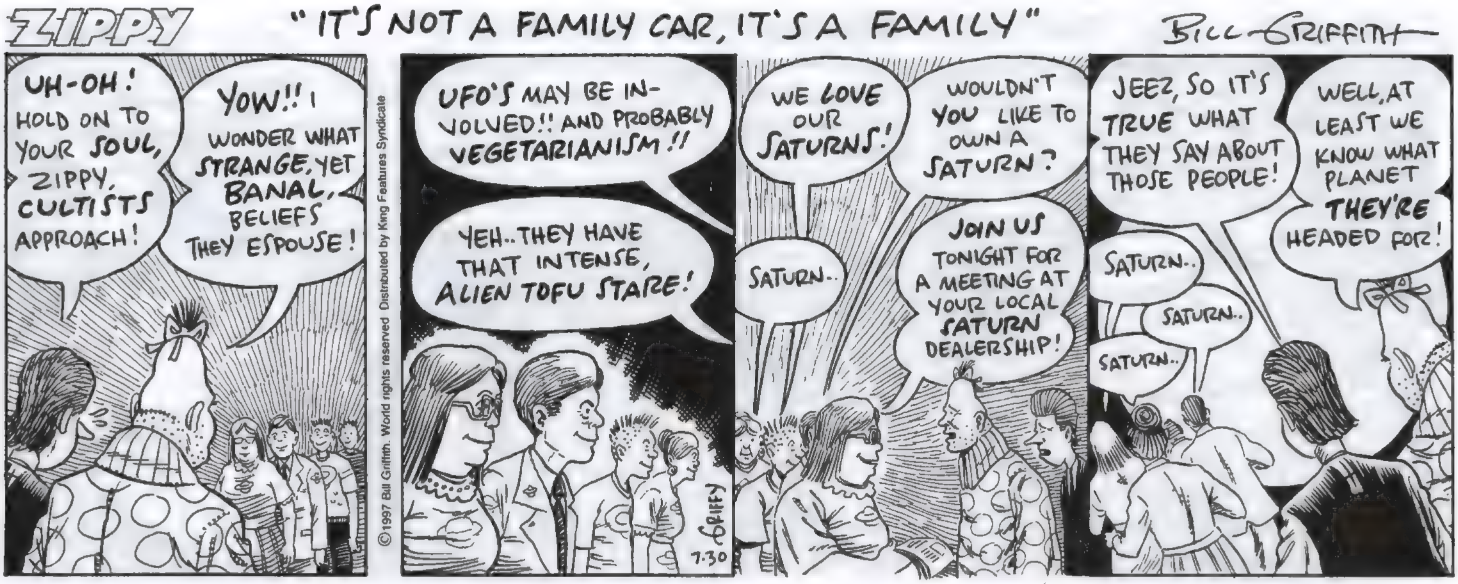
JEEZ, I THOUGHT YOU WAS HOLDIN' UP A SEA SHELL, PARDNER.. ...WHAT'RE YOU LISTENIN' TO?
...A HALVED DING DONG.
GRIFFY
7-29
WELL... WHA'D'YA HEAR?
I HEAR AMERICA DINGING.


ZIPPY
"IT'S NOT A FAMILY CAR, IT'S A FAMILY"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH! HOLD ON TO YOUR SOUL, ZIPPY. CULTISTS APPROACH!
YOW!! I WONDER WHAT STRANGE, YET BANAL, BELIEFS THEY ESPOUSE!
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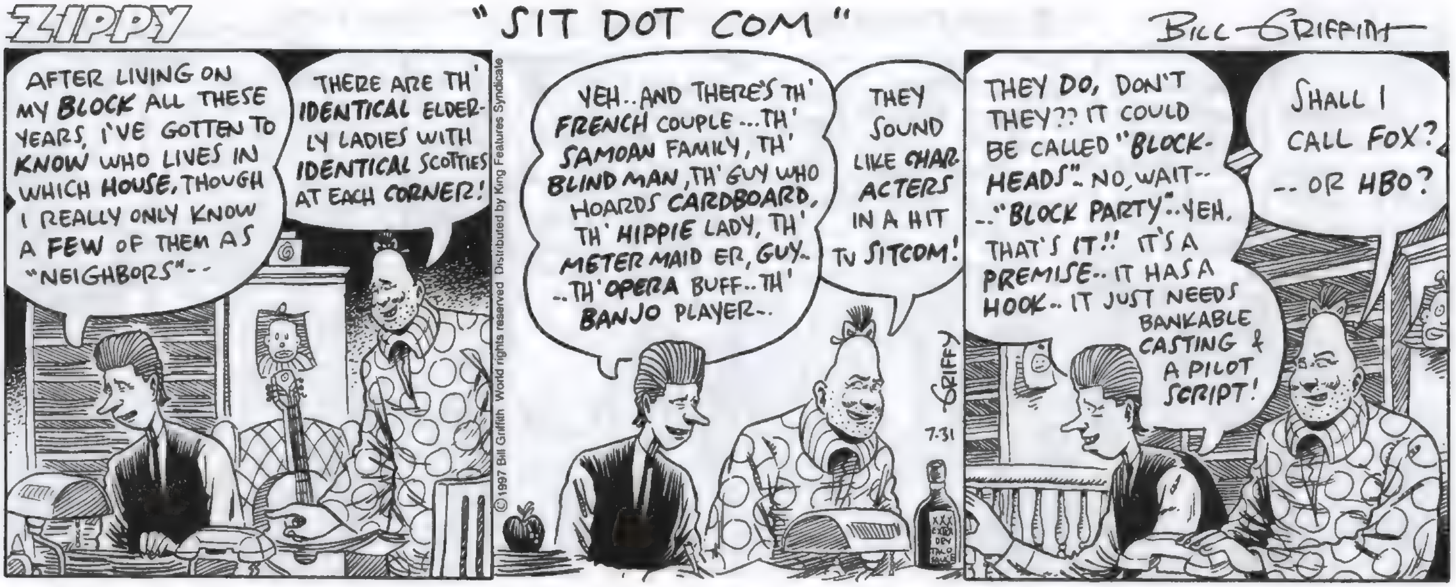
UFO'S MAY BE INVOLVED!! AND PROBABLY VEGETARIANISM!!
YEH.. THEY HAVE THAT INTENSE, ALIEN TOFU STARE!
GRIFFY
7-30
WE LOVE OUR SATURNS!
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO OWN A SATURN?
SATURN..
JOIN US TONIGHT FOR A MEETING AT YOUR LOCAL SATURN DEALERSHIP!
JEEZ, SO IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE!
WELL, AT LEAST WE KNOW WHAT PLANET THEY'RE HEADED FOR!
SATURN..
SATURN..
SATURN..


ZIPPY
"SIT DOT COM"
BILL GRIFFITH
AFTER LIVING ON MY BLOCK ALL THESE YEARS, I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW WHO LIVES IN WHICH HOUSE, THOUGH I REALLY ONLY KNOW A FEW OF THEM AS "NEIGHBORS"--
THERE ARE TH' IDENTICAL ELDERLY LADIES WITH IDENTICAL SCOTTIES AT EACH CORNER!
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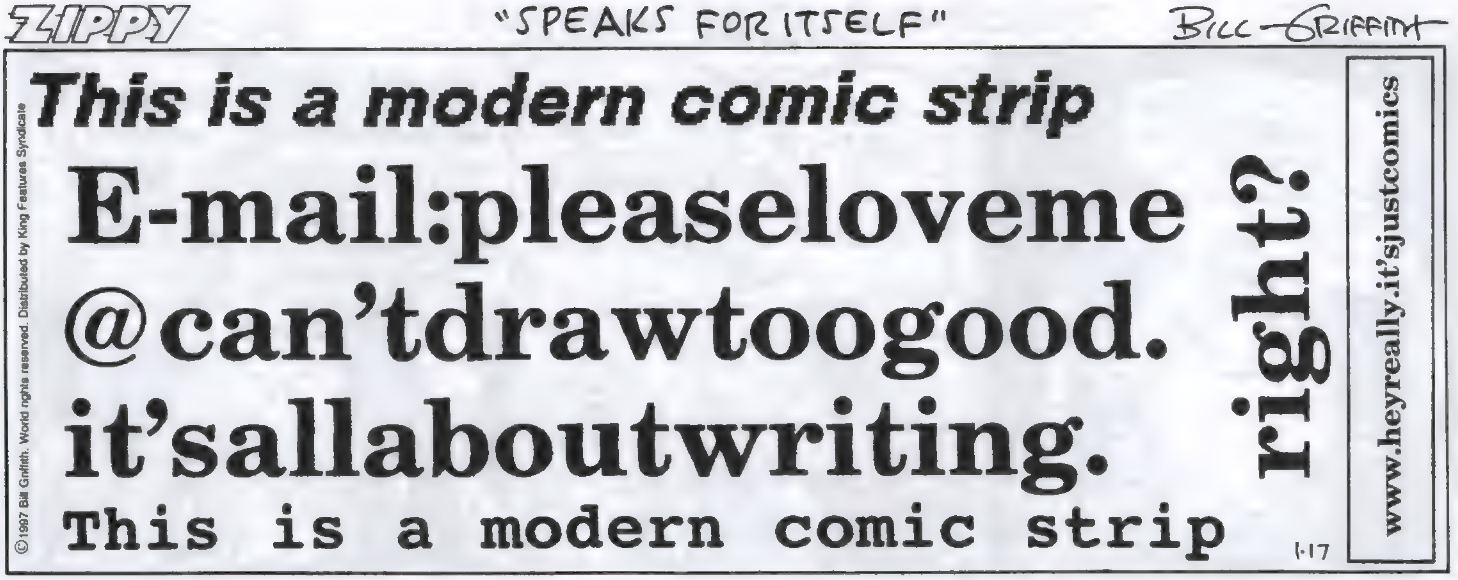
YEH.. AND THERE'S TH' FRENCH COUPLE ...TH' SAMOAN FAMILY, TH' BLIND MAN, TH' GUY WHO HOARDS CARDBOARD, TH' HIPPIE LADY, TH' METER MAID ER, GUY.. ..TH' OPERA BUFF.. TH' BANJO PLAYER..
THEY SOUND LIKE CHARACTERS IN A HIT TV SITCOM!
GRIFFY
7-31
XXX EXTRA
THEY DO, DON'T THEY?? IT COULD BE CALLED "BLOCKHEADS".. NO, WAIT-- --"BLOCK PARTY".. YEH. THAT'S IT!! IT'S A PREMISE.. IT HAS A HOOK.. IT JUST NEEDS BANKABLE CASTING & A PILOT SCRIPT!
SHALL I CALL FOX? --OR HBO?


ZIPPY
"SPEAKS FOR ITSELF"
BILL-GRIFFITH
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it'sallaboutwriting.
This is a modern comic strip
right?
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1-17
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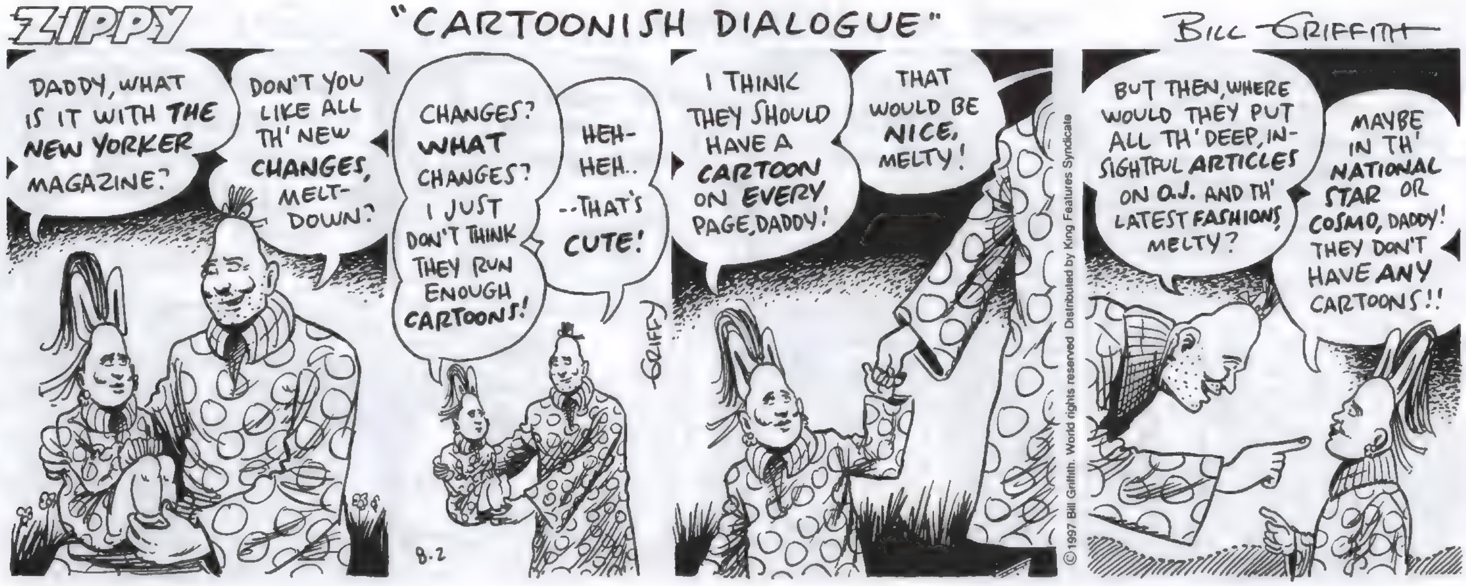
ZIPPY
"CARTOONISH DIALOGUE"
BILL-GRIFFITH
DADDY, WHAT IS IT WITH THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE?
DON'T YOU LIKE ALL TH' NEW CHANGES, MELT-DOWN?
CHANGES? WHAT CHANGES? I JUST DON'T THINK THEY RUN ENOUGH CARTOONS!
HEH-HEH.. --THAT'S CUTE!
GRIFFY
8-2
I THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE A CARTOON ON EVERY PAGE, DADDY!
THAT WOULD BE NICE, MELTY!
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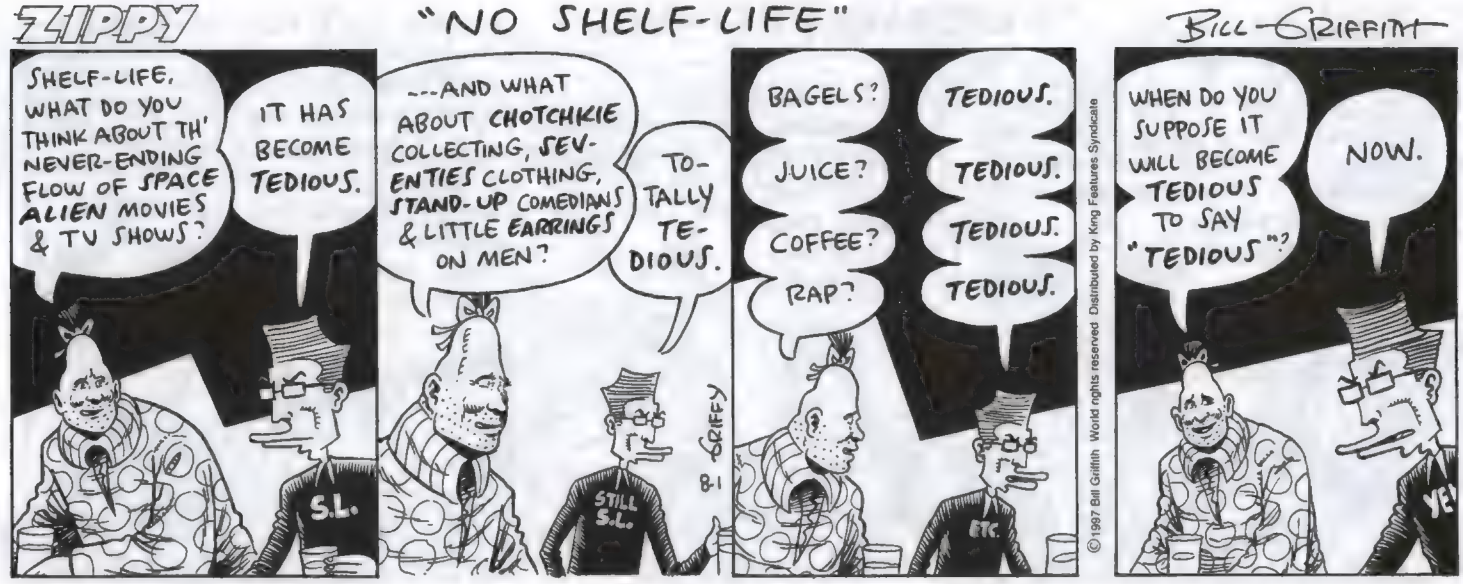
BUT THEN, WHERE WOULD THEY PUT ALL TH' DEEP, INSIGHTFUL ARTICLES ON O.J. AND TH' LATEST FASHIONS, MELTY?
MAYBE IN TH' NATIONAL STAR OR COSMO, DADDY! THEY DON'T HAVE ANY CARTOONS!!


ZIPPY
"NO SHELF-LIFE"
BILL-GRIFFITH
SHELF-LIFE, WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT TH' NEVER-ENDING FLOW OF SPACE ALIEN MOVIES & TV SHOWS?
IT HAS BECOME TEDIOUS.
S.L.
---AND WHAT ABOUT CHOTCHKIE COLLECTING, SEVENTIES CLOTHING, STAND-UP COMEDIANS & LITTLE EARRINGS ON MEN?
TOTALLY TEDIOUS.
STILL S.L.
GRIFFY
8-1
BAGELS?
TEDIOUS.
JUICE?
TEDIOUS.
COFFEE?
TEDIOUS.
RAP?
TEDIOUS.
ETC.
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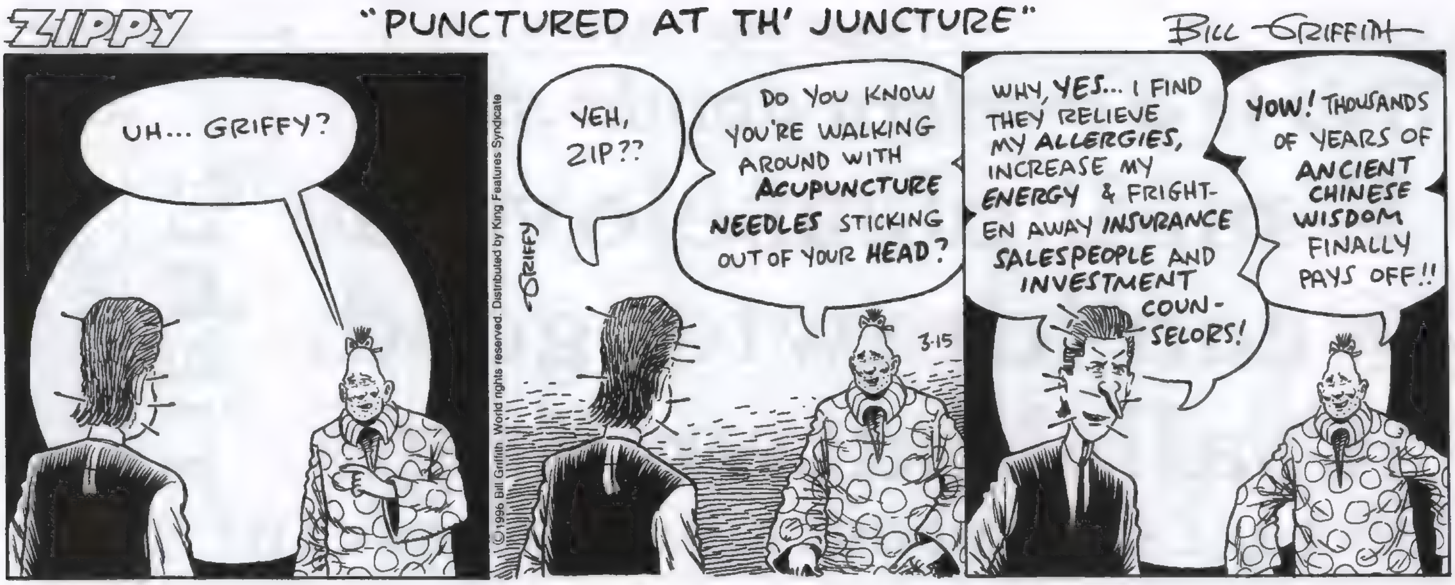
WHEN DO YOU SUPPOSE IT WILL BECOME TEDIOUS TO SAY "TEDIOUS"?
NOW.
YE


ZIPPY
"PUNCTURED AT TH' JUNCTURE"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH... GRIFFY?
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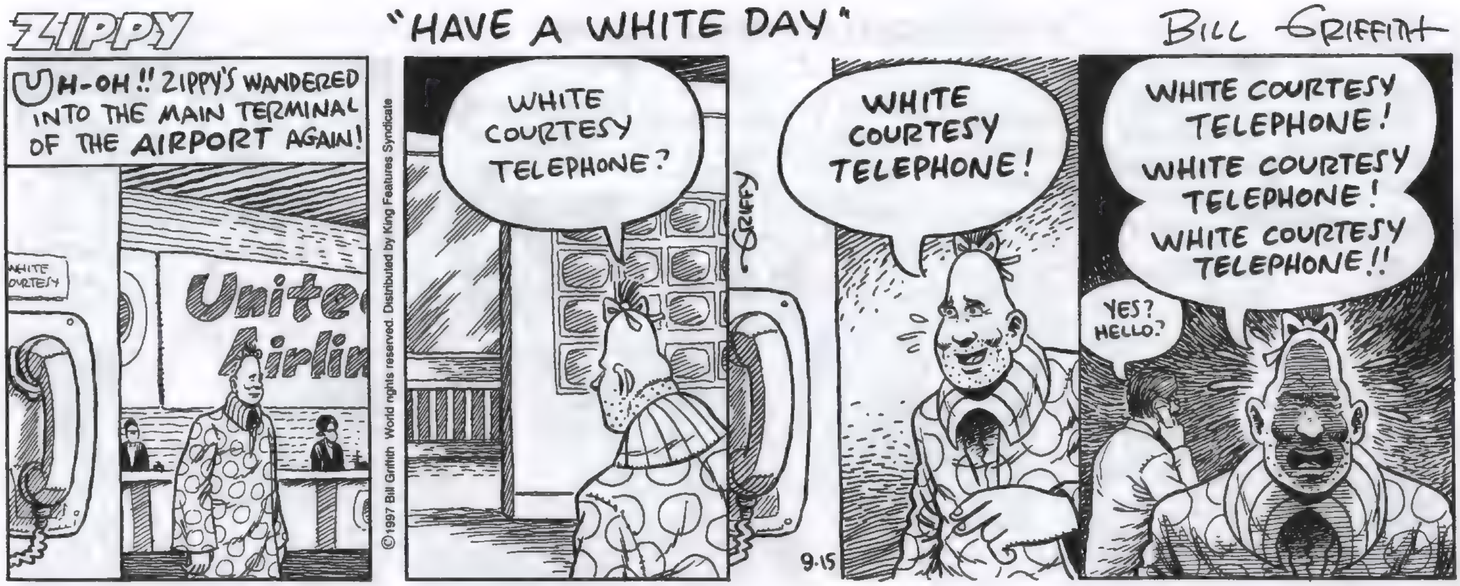
YEH, ZIP??
GRIFFY
DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE WALKING AROUND WITH ACUPUNCTURE NEEDLES STICKING OUT OF YOUR HEAD?
3-15
WHY, YES... I FIND THEY RELIEVE MY ALLERGIES, INCREASE MY ENERGY & FRIGHTEN AWAY INSURANCE SALESPEOPLE AND INVESTMENT COUNSELORS!
YOW! THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF ANCIENT CHINESE WISDOM FINALLY PAYS OFF!!


ZIPPY
"HAVE A WHITE DAY"
BILL GRIFFITH
UH-OH!! ZIPPY'S WANDERED INTO THE MAIN TERMINAL OF THE AIRPORT AGAIN!
WHITE COURTESY
United Airlin
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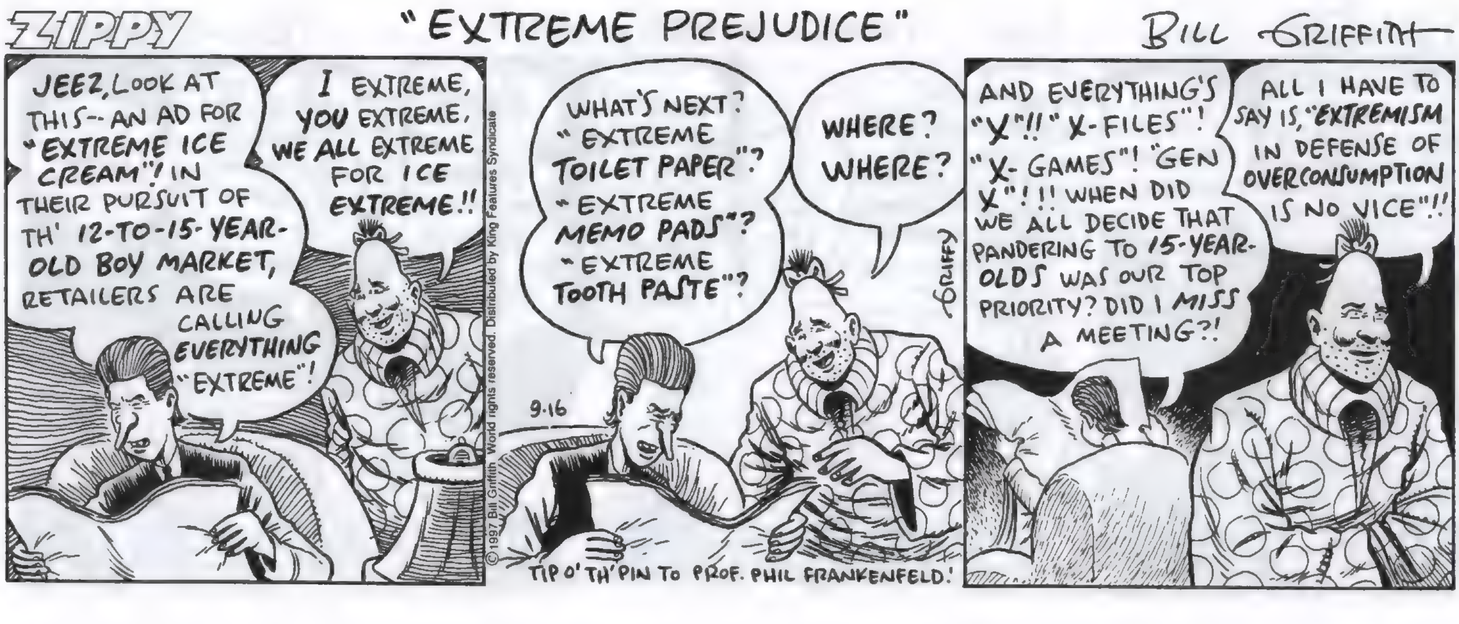
WHITE COURTESY TELEPHONE?
GRIFFY
9-15
WHITE COURTESY TELEPHONE!
WHITE COURTESY TELEPHONE! WHITE COURTESY TELEPHONE! WHITE COURTESY TELEPHONE!!
YES? HELLO?


ZIPPY
"EXTREME PREJUDICE"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, LOOK AT THIS-- AN AD FOR "EXTREME ICE CREAM"! IN THEIR PURSUIT OF TH' 12-TO-15-YEAR-OLD BOY MARKET, RETAILERS ARE CALLING EVERYTHING "EXTREME"!
I EXTREME, YOU EXTREME, WE ALL EXTREME FOR ICE EXTREME!!
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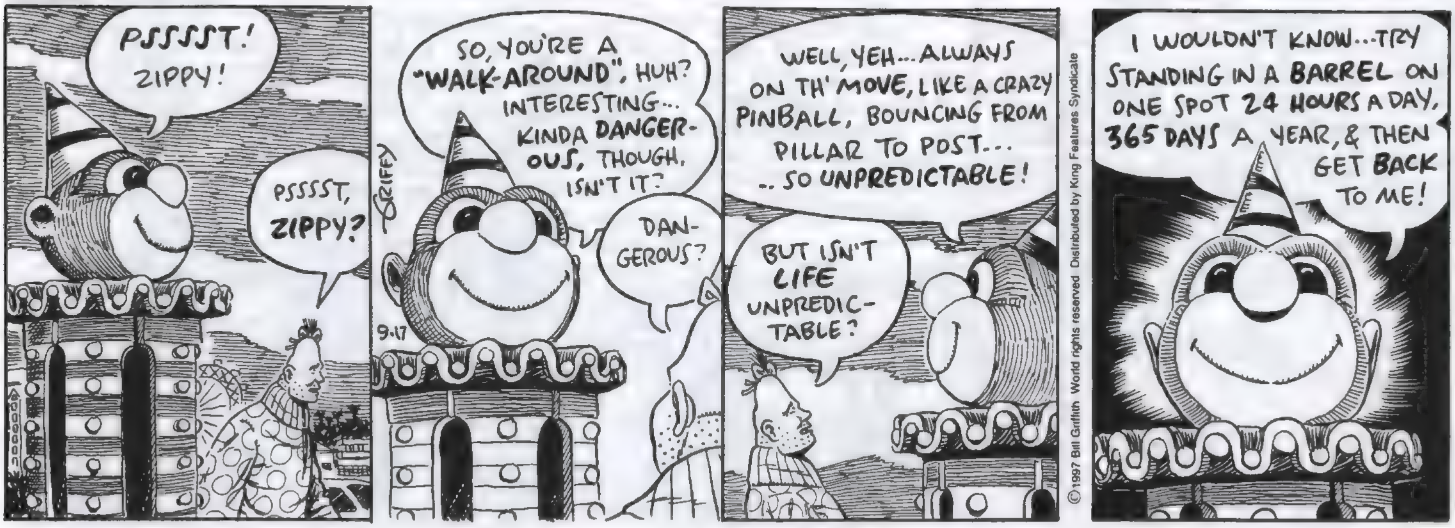
WHAT'S NEXT? "EXTREME TOILET PAPER"? "EXTREME MEMO PADS"? "EXTREME TOOTH PASTE"?
WHERE? WHERE?
9-16
GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO PROF. PHIL FRANKENFELD!
AND EVERYTHING'S "X"!! "X-FILES"! "X-GAMES"! "GEN X"!!! WHEN DID WE ALL DECIDE THAT PANDERING TO 15-YEAR-OLDS WAS OUR TOP PRIORITY? DID I MISS A MEETING?!
ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS, "EXTREMISM IN DEFENSE OF OVERCONSUMPTION IS NO VICE"!!

ZIPPY "CLOWNING AROUND" BILL GRIFFITH


PSSSST! ZIPPY!
PSSSST, ZIPPY?
SO, YOU'RE A "WALK-AROUND", HUH? INTERESTING... KINDA DANGEROUS, THOUGH, ISN'T IT?
DANGEROUS?
GRIFFY
9-17
WELL, YEH... ALWAYS ON TH' MOVE, LIKE A CRAZY PINBALL, BOUNCING FROM PILLAR TO POST... .. SO UNPREDICTABLE!
BUT ISN'T LIFE UNPREDICTABLE?
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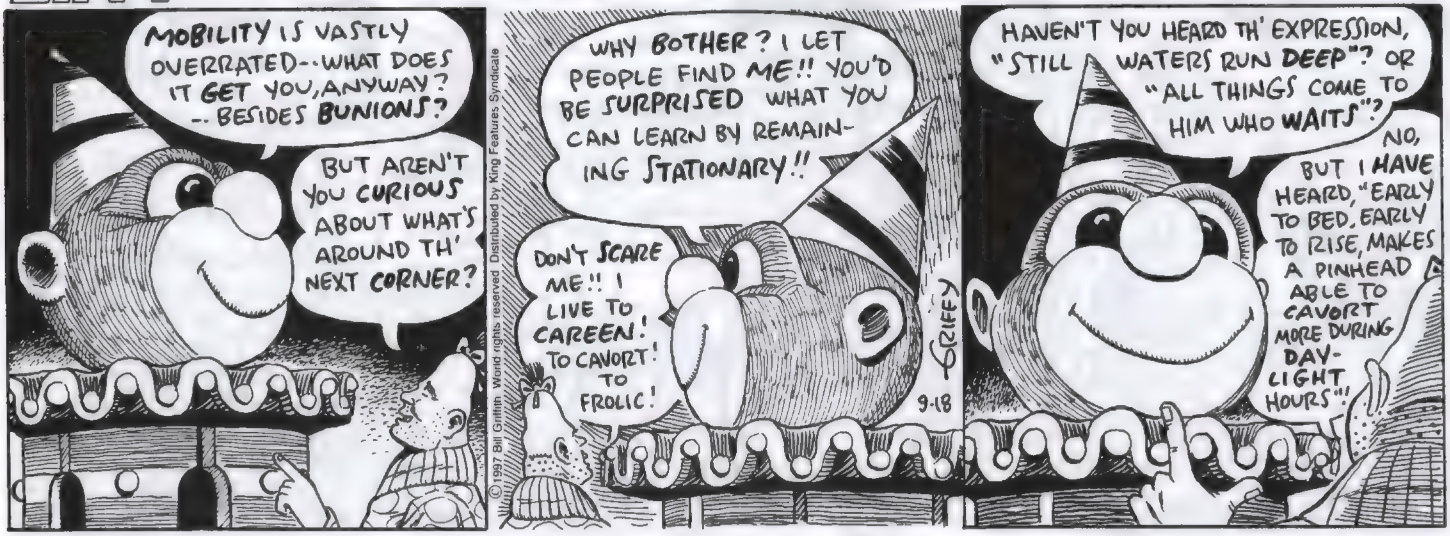
I WOULDN'T KNOW... TRY STANDING IN A BARREL ON ONE SPOT 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR, & THEN GET BACK TO ME!

ZIPPY "BUTTON UP YOUR OVERQUOTE" BILL GRIFFITH


MOBILITY IS VASTLY OVERRATED-- WHAT DOES IT GET YOU, ANYWAY? -- BESIDES BUNIONS?
BUT AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT'S AROUND TH' NEXT CORNER?
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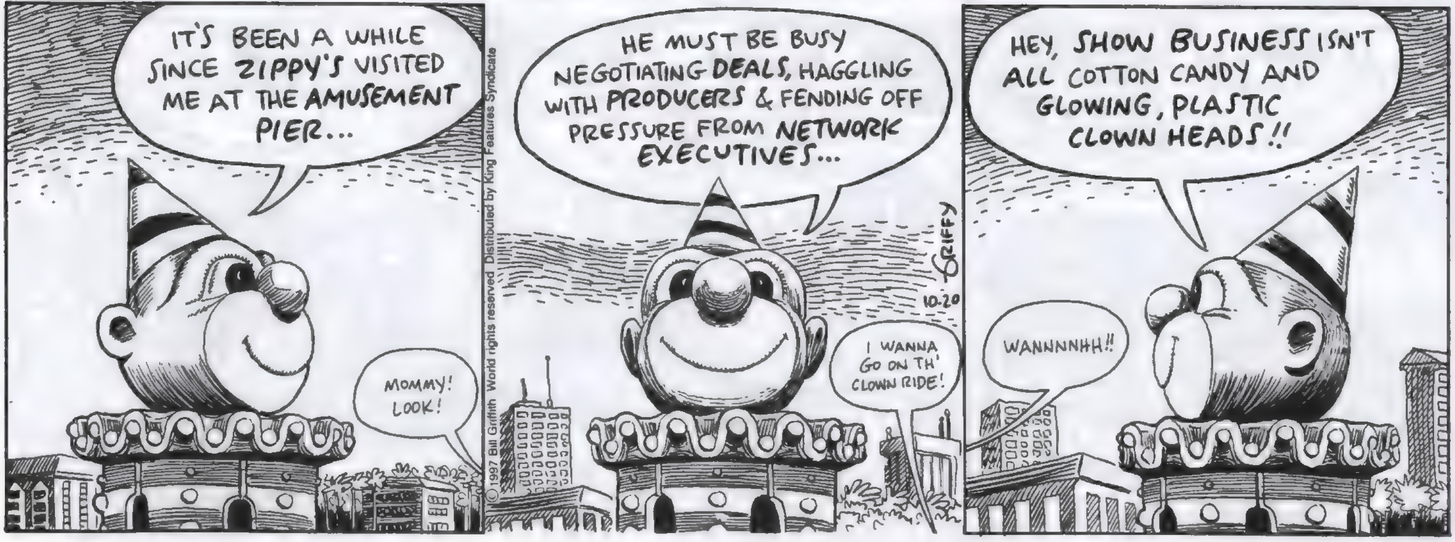
WHY BOTHER? I LET PEOPLE FIND ME!! YOU'D BE SURPRISED WHAT YOU CAN LEARN BY REMAINING STATIONARY!!
DON'T SCARE ME!! I LIVE TO CAREEN! TO CAVORT! TO FROLIC!
GRIFFY
9-18
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD TH' EXPRESSION, "STILL WATERS RUN DEEP"? OR "ALL THINGS COME TO HIM WHO WAITS"?
NO, BUT I HAVE HEARD, "EARLY TO BED, EARLY TO RISE, MAKES A PINHEAD ABLE TO CAVORT MORE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS"!

ZIPPY "GLOWING PLASTIC CLOWN HEAD" BILL GRIFFITH


IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE ZIPPY'S VISITED ME AT THE AMUSEMENT PIER...
MOMMY! LOOK!
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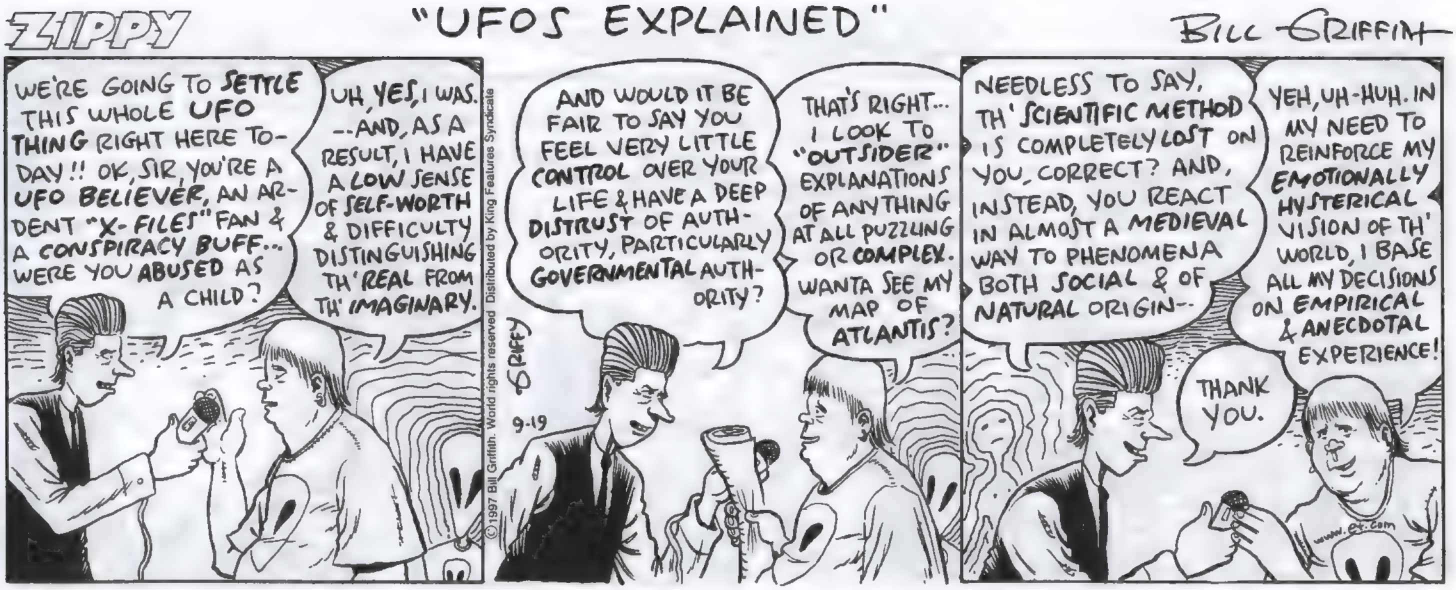
HE MUST BE BUSY NEGOTIATING DEALS, HAGGLING WITH PRODUCERS & FENDING OFF PRESSURE FROM NETWORK EXECUTIVES...
GRIFFY
10-20
I WANNA GO ON TH' CLOWN RIDE!
HEY, SHOW BUSINESS ISN'T ALL COTTON CANDY AND GLOWING, PLASTIC CLOWN HEADS!!
WANNNNHH!!


ZIPPY
"UFOS EXPLAINED"
BILL GRIFFITH
WE'RE GOING TO SETTLE THIS WHOLE UFO THING RIGHT HERE TODAY!! OK, SIR, YOU'RE A UFO BELIEVER, AN ARDENT "X-FILES" FAN & A CONSPIRACY BUFF... WERE YOU ABUSED AS A CHILD?
UH, YES, I WAS. --AND, AS A RESULT, I HAVE A LOW SENSE OF SELF-WORTH & DIFFICULTY DISTINGUISHING TH' REAL FROM TH' IMAGINARY.
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GRIFFY
9-19
AND WOULD IT BE FAIR TO SAY YOU FEEL VERY LITTLE CONTROL OVER YOUR LIFE & HAVE A DEEP DISTRUST OF AUTHORITY, PARTICULARLY GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY?
THAT'S RIGHT... I LOOK TO "OUTSIDER" EXPLANATIONS OF ANYTHING AT ALL PUZZLING OR COMPLEX. WANTA SEE MY MAP OF ATLANTIS?
NEEDLESS TO SAY, TH' SCIENTIFIC METHOD IS COMPLETELY LOST ON YOU, CORRECT? AND, INSTEAD, YOU REACT IN ALMOST A MEDIEVAL WAY TO PHENOMENA BOTH SOCIAL & OF NATURAL ORIGIN--
YEH, UH-HUH. IN MY NEED TO REINFORCE MY EMOTIONALLY HYSTERICAL VISION OF TH' WORLD, I BASE ALL MY DECISIONS ON EMPIRICAL & ANECDOTAL EXPERIENCE!
THANK YOU.
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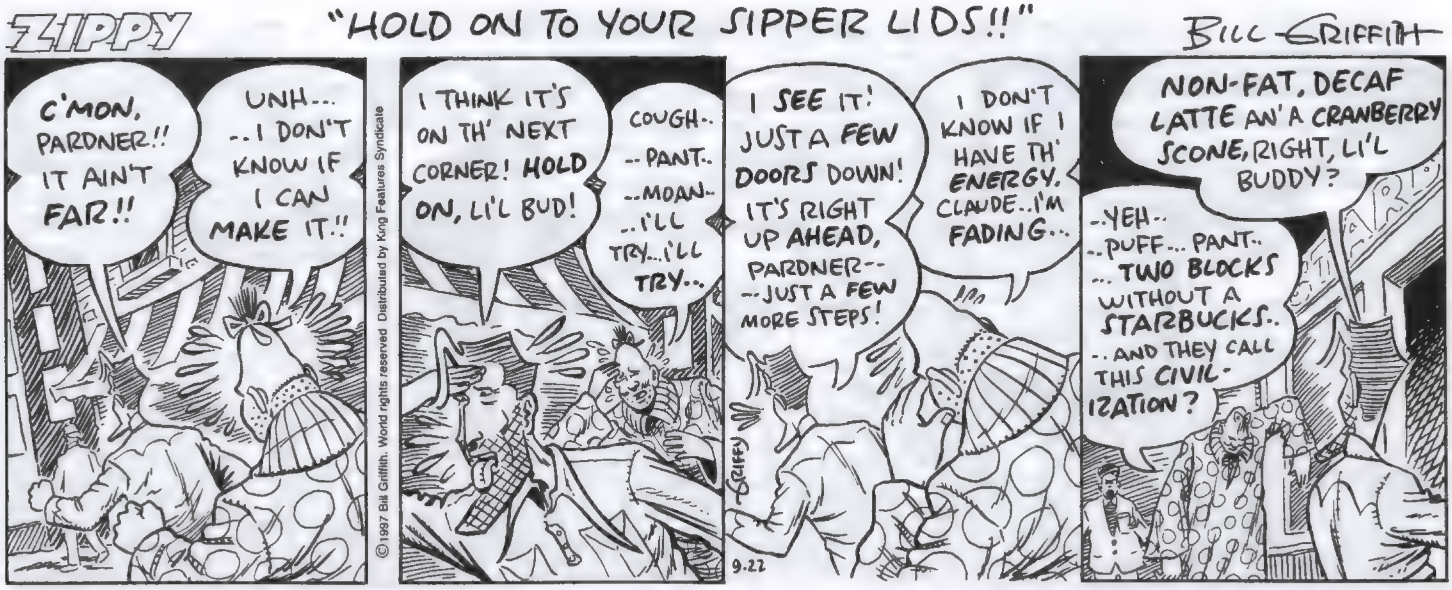
ZIPPY
"HOLD ON TO YOUR SIPPER LIDS!!"
BILL GRIFFITH
C'MON, PARDNER!! IT AIN'T FAR!!
UNH... ..I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN MAKE IT!!
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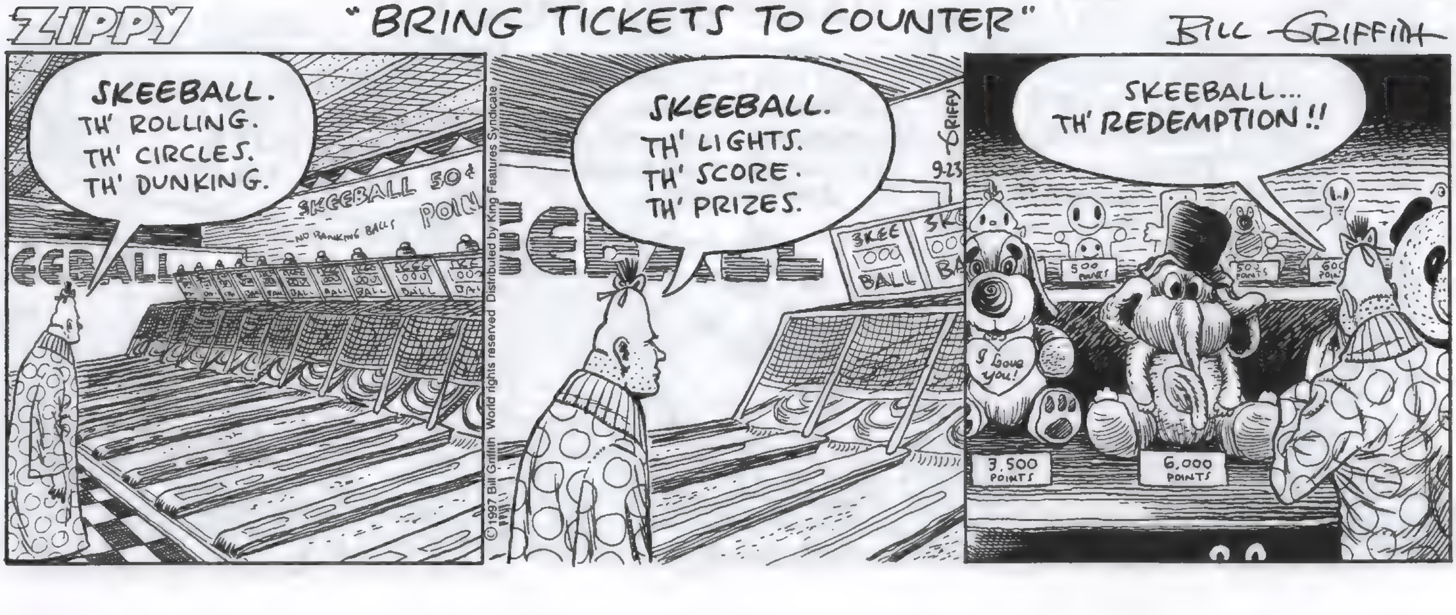
I THINK IT'S ON TH' NEXT CORNER! HOLD ON, LI'L BUD!
COUGH.. --PANT.. --MOAN.. ..I'LL TRY...I'LL TRY...
GRIFFY
9-22
I SEE IT! JUST A FEW DOORS DOWN! IT'S RIGHT UP AHEAD, PARDNER-- --JUST A FEW MORE STEPS!
I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE TH' ENERGY, CLAUDE..I'M FADING...
NON-FAT, DECAF LATTE AN' A CRANBERRY SCONE, RIGHT, LI'L BUDDY?
-YEH.. ..PUFF... PANT.. ...TWO BLOCKS WITHOUT A STARBUCKS.. ..AND THEY CALL THIS CIVILIZATION?


ZIPPY
"BRING TICKETS TO COUNTER"
BILL GRIFFITH
SKEEBALL. TH' ROLLING. TH' CIRCLES. TH' DUNKING.
SKEEBALL 50¢
NO BANKING BALLS
POIN
SKEEBALL
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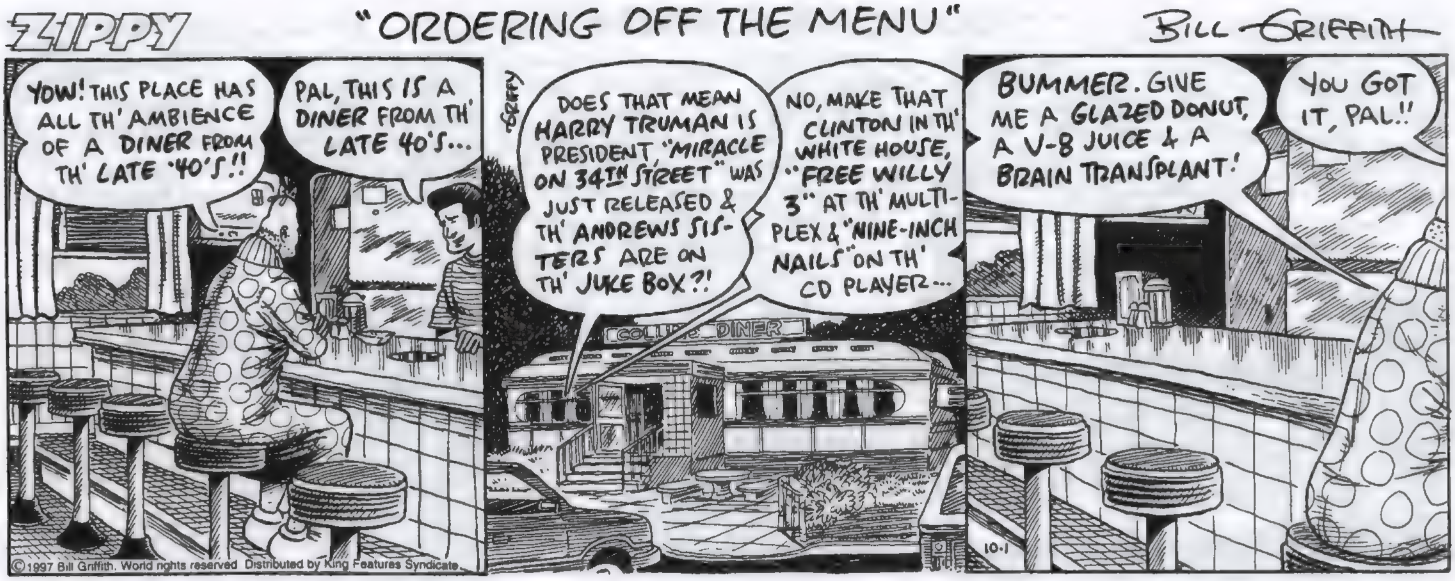
SKEEBALL. TH' LIGHTS. TH' SCORE. TH' PRIZES.
GRIFFY
9-23
SKEE 1000 BALL
SKEEBALL... TH' REDEMPTION!!
500 POINTS
500 POINTS
600 POINTS
I love you!
3.500 POINTS
6.000 POINTS


ZIPPY
"ORDERING OFF THE MENU"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOW! THIS PLACE HAS ALL TH' AMBIENCE OF A DINER FROM TH' LATE '40'S!!
PAL, THIS IS A DINER FROM TH' LATE 40'S...
GRIFFY
DOES THAT MEAN HARRY TRUMAN IS PRESIDENT, "MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET" WAS JUST RELEASED & TH' ANDREWS SISTERS ARE ON TH' JUKE BOX?!
NO, MAKE THAT CLINTON IN TH' WHITE HOUSE, "FREE WILLY 3" AT TH' MULTIPLEX & "NINE-INCH NAILS" ON TH' CD PLAYER...
DINER
BUMMER. GIVE ME A GLAZED DONUT, A V-8 JUICE & A BRAIN TRANSPLANT!
YOU GOT IT, PAL!!
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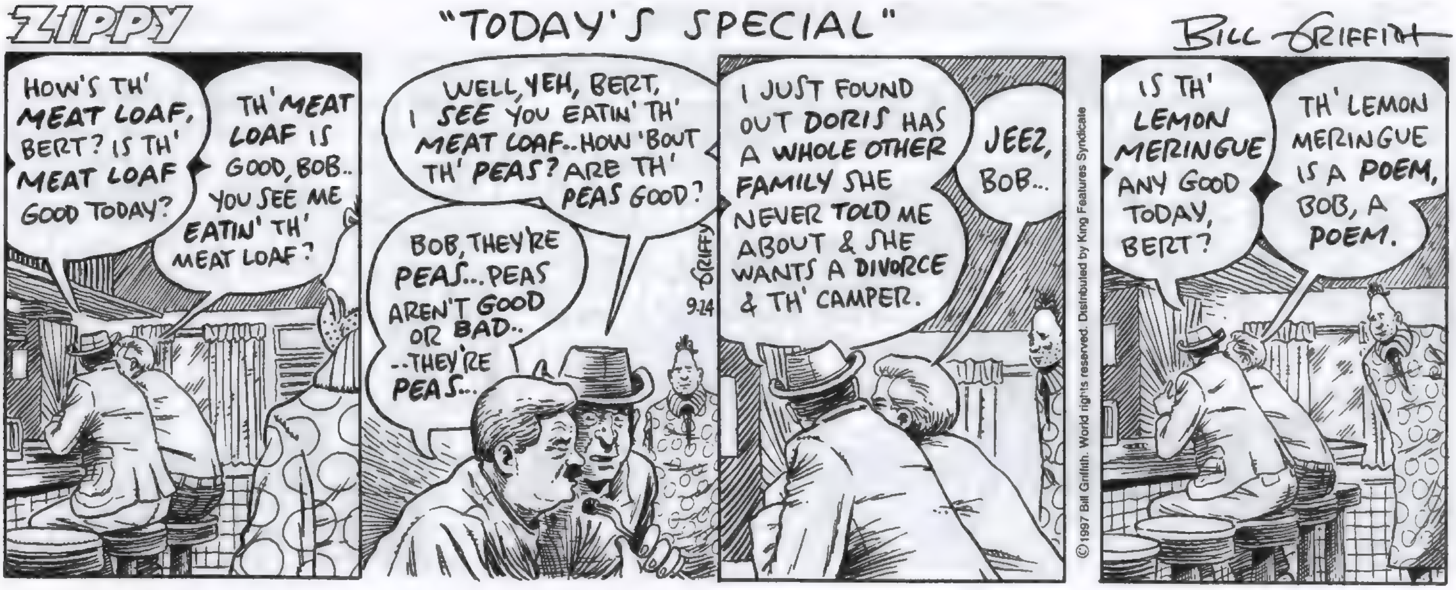
ZIPPY
"TODAY'S SPECIAL"
BILL GRIFFITH
HOW'S TH' MEAT LOAF, BERT? IS TH' MEAT LOAF GOOD TODAY?
TH' MEAT LOAF IS GOOD, BOB.. YOU SEE ME EATIN' TH' MEAT LOAF?
WELL, YEH, BERT, I SEE YOU EATIN' TH' MEAT LOAF.. HOW 'BOUT TH' PEAS? ARE TH' PEAS GOOD?
BOB, THEY'RE PEAS...PEAS AREN'T GOOD OR BAD.. ..THEY'RE PEAS...
GRIFFY
9-24
I JUST FOUND OUT DORIS HAS A WHOLE OTHER FAMILY SHE NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT & SHE WANTS A DIVORCE & TH' CAMPER.
JEEZ, BOB...
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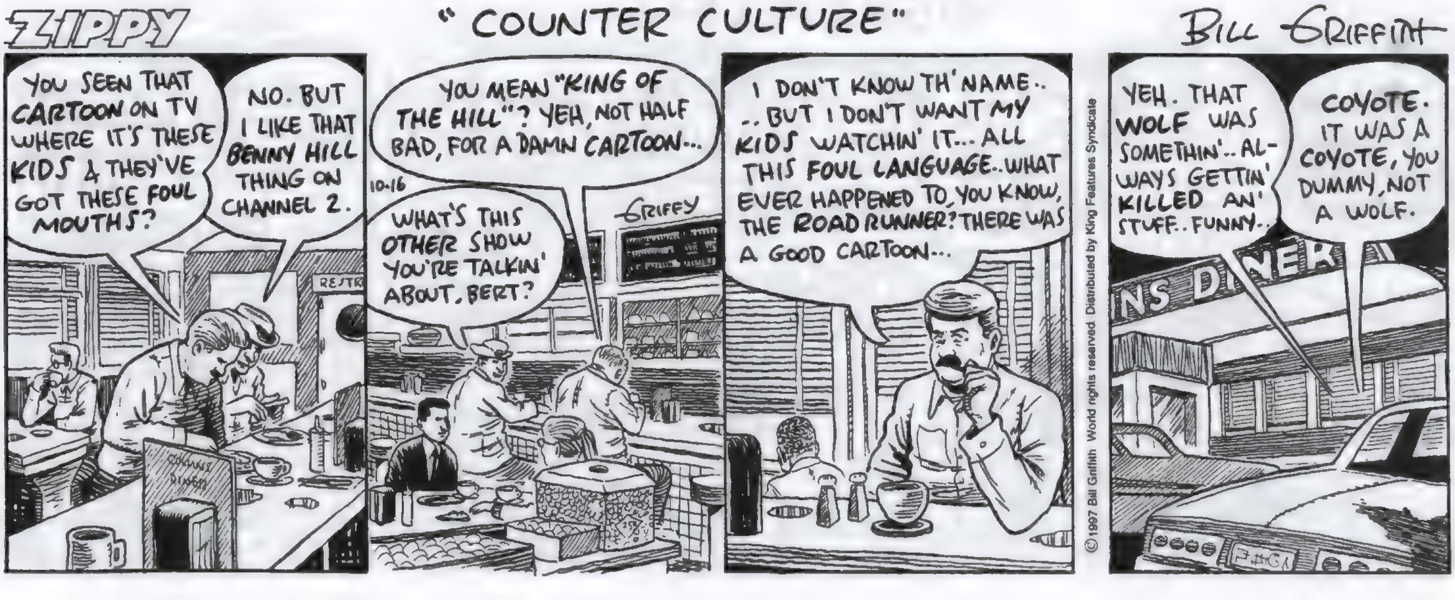
IS TH' LEMON MERINGUE ANY GOOD TODAY, BERT?
TH' LEMON MERINGUE IS A POEM, BOB, A POEM.


ZIPPY
"COUNTER CULTURE"
BILL GRIFFITH
YOU SEEN THAT CARTOON ON TV WHERE IT'S THESE KIDS & THEY'VE GOT THESE FOUL MOUTHS?
NO. BUT I LIKE THAT BENNY HILL THING ON CHANNEL 2.
RESTR
YOU MEAN "KING OF THE HILL"? YEH, NOT HALF BAD, FOR A DAMN CARTOON...
10-16
GRIFFY
WHAT'S THIS OTHER SHOW YOU'RE TALKIN' ABOUT, BERT?
I DON'T KNOW TH' NAME.. ..BUT I DON'T WANT MY KIDS WATCHIN' IT... ALL THIS FOUL LANGUAGE..WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO, YOU KNOW, THE ROAD RUNNER? THERE WAS A GOOD CARTOON...
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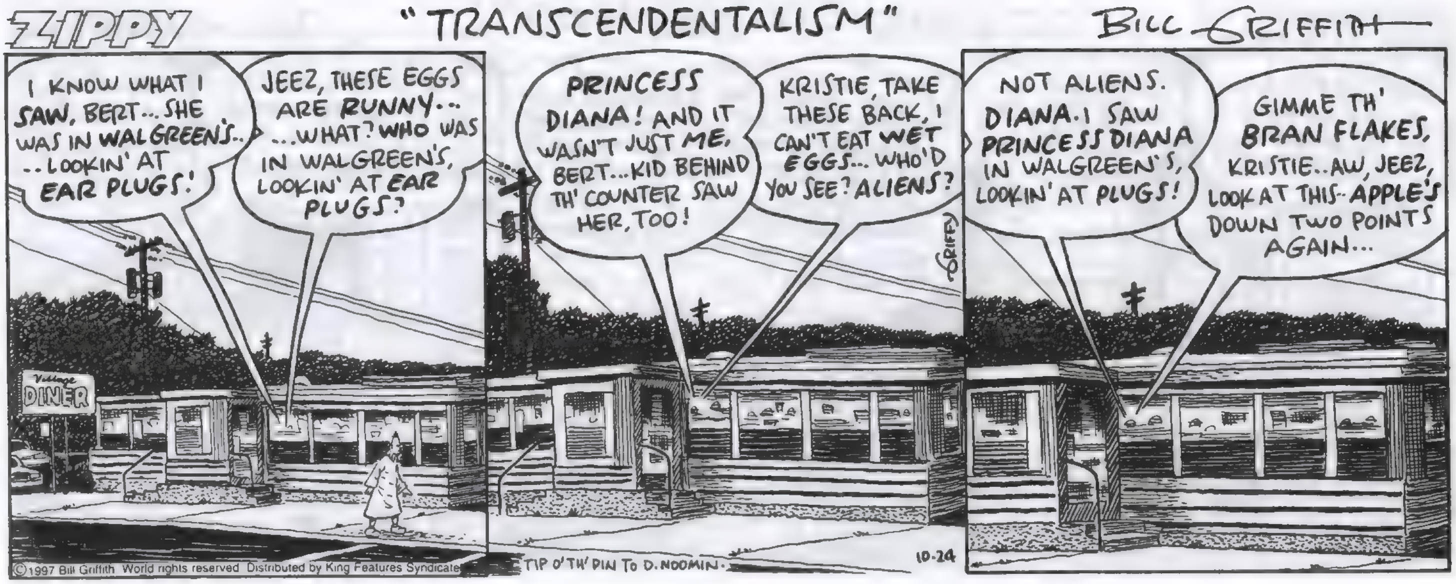
YEH. THAT WOLF WAS SOMETHIN'.. ALWAYS GETTIN' KILLED AN' STUFF.. FUNNY..
COYOTE. IT WAS A COYOTE, YOU DUMMY, NOT A WOLF.
NS DINER


ZIPPY
"TRANSCENDENTALISM"
BILL GRIFFITH
I KNOW WHAT I SAW, BERT... SHE WAS IN WALGREEN'S.. --LOOKIN' AT EAR PLUGS!
JEEZ, THESE EGGS ARE RUNNY... ...WHAT? WHO WAS IN WALGREEN'S, LOOKIN' AT EAR PLUGS?
Village DINER
PRINCESS DIANA! AND IT WASN'T JUST ME, BERT...KID BEHIND TH' COUNTER SAW HER, TOO!
KRISTIE, TAKE THESE BACK, I CAN'T EAT WET EGGS... WHO'D YOU SEE? ALIENS?
GRIFFY
NOT ALIENS. DIANA. I SAW PRINCESS DIANA IN WALGREEN'S, LOOKIN' AT PLUGS!
GIMME TH' BRAN FLAKES, KRISTIE..AW, JEEZ, LOOK AT THIS-- APPLE'S DOWN TWO POINTS AGAIN...
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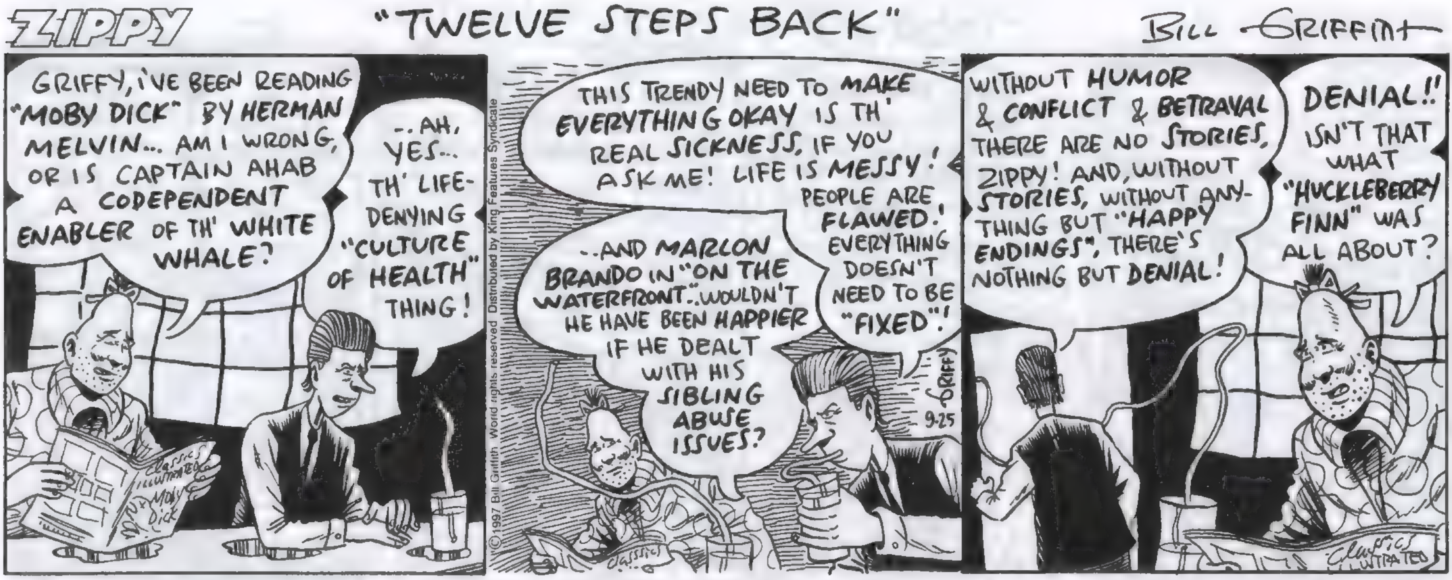
TIP O' TH' PIN TO D. NOOMIN.
10-24


ZIPPY
"TWELVE STEPS BACK"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY, I'VE BEEN READING "MOBY DICK" BY HERMAN MELVIN... AM I WRONG, OR IS CAPTAIN AHAB A CODEPENDENT ENABLER OF TH' WHITE WHALE?
--AH, YES... TH' LIFE-DENYING "CULTURE OF HEALTH" THING!
CLASSICS ILLUSTRATED MOBY DICK
THIS TRENDY NEED TO MAKE EVERYTHING OKAY IS TH' REAL SICKNESS, IF YOU ASK ME! LIFE IS MESSY! PEOPLE ARE FLAWED! EVERYTHING DOESN'T NEED TO BE "FIXED"!
--AND MARLON BRANDO IN "ON THE WATERFRONT"..WOULDN'T HE HAVE BEEN HAPPIER IF HE DEALT WITH HIS SIBLING ABUSE ISSUES?
GRIFFY
9-25
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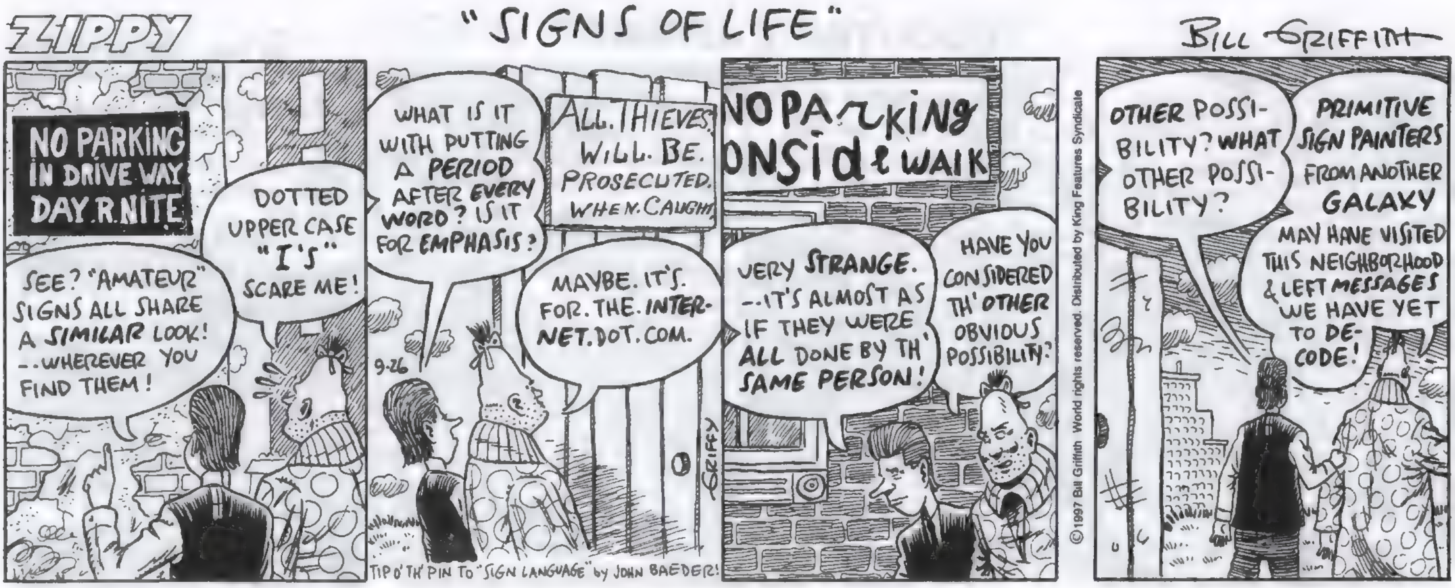
WITHOUT HUMOR & CONFLICT & BETRAYAL THERE ARE NO STORIES, ZIPPY! AND, WITHOUT STORIES, WITHOUT ANYTHING BUT "HAPPY ENDINGS", THERE'S NOTHING BUT DENIAL!
DENIAL!! ISN'T THAT WHAT "HUCKLEBERRY FINN" WAS ALL ABOUT?
CLASSICS ILLUSTRATED


ZIPPY
"SIGNS OF LIFE"
BILL GRIFFITH
NO PARKING IN DRIVE WAY DAY.R.NITE
SEE? "AMATEUR" SIGNS ALL SHARE A SIMILAR LOOK! --WHEREVER YOU FIND THEM!
DOTTED UPPER CASE "I'S" SCARE ME!
WHAT IS IT WITH PUTTING A PERIOD AFTER EVERY WORD? IS IT FOR EMPHASIS?
ALL. THIEVES. WILL. BE. PROSECUTED. WHEN. CAUGHT.
MAYBE. IT'S. FOR. THE. INTER-NET. DOT. COM.
9-26
GRIFFY
TIP O' TH' PIN TO "SIGN LANGUAGE" BY JOHN BAEDER!
NO PArking ONSidE WAlk
VERY STRANGE. --IT'S ALMOST AS IF THEY WERE ALL DONE BY TH' SAME PERSON!
HAVE YOU CONSIDERED TH' OTHER OBVIOUS POSSIBILITY?
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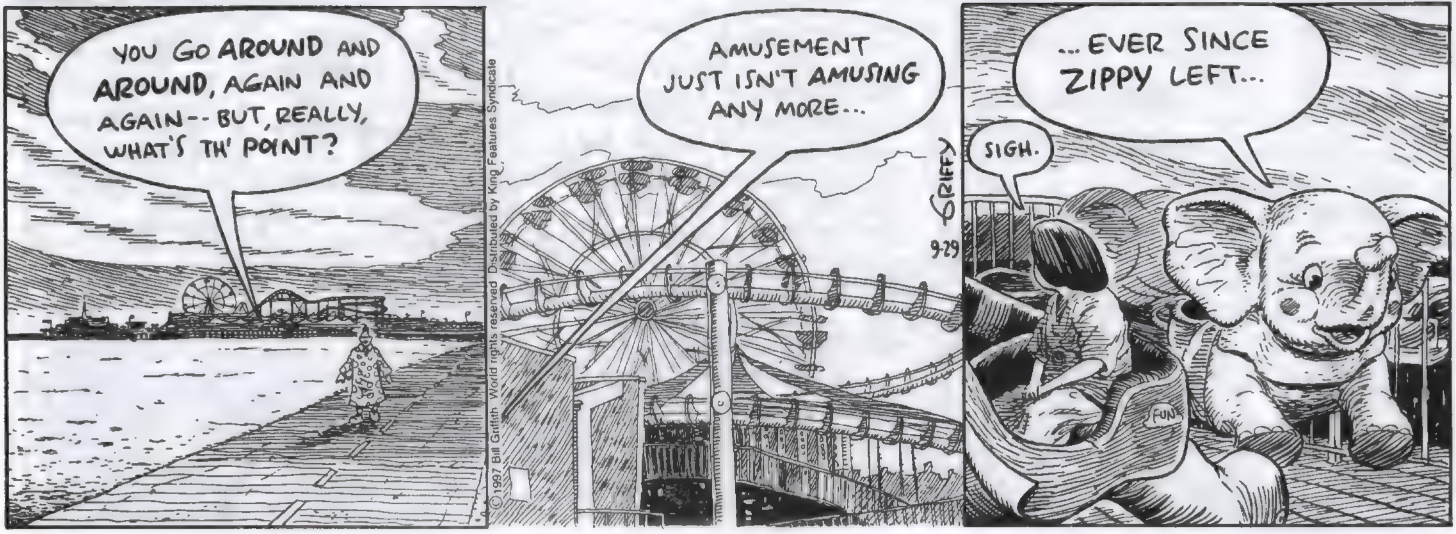
OTHER POSSIBILITY? WHAT OTHER POSSIBILITY?
PRIMITIVE SIGN PAINTERS FROM ANOTHER GALAXY MAY HAVE VISITED THIS NEIGHBORHOOD & LEFT MESSAGES WE HAVE YET TO DECODE!

ZIPPY "PIER PRESSURE" BILL GRIFFITH


YOU GO AROUND AND AROUND, AGAIN AND AGAIN-- BUT, REALLY, WHAT'S TH' POINT?
AMUSEMENT JUST ISN'T AMUSING ANY MORE...
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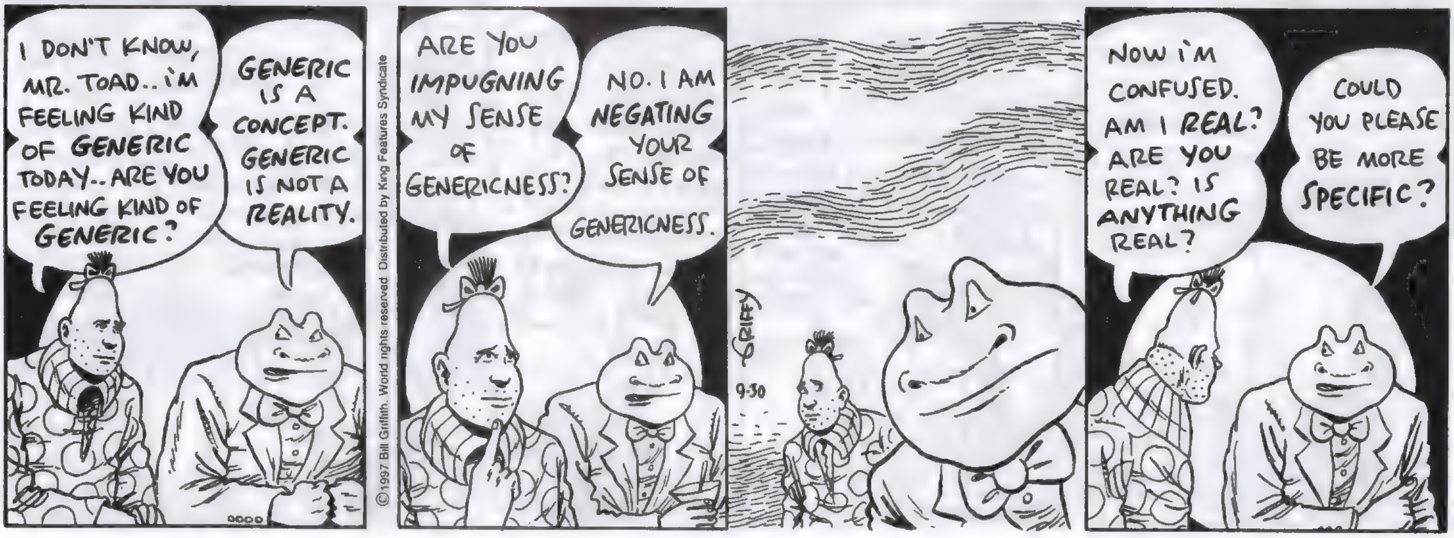
GRIFFY
9-29
SIGH.
...EVER SINCE ZIPPY LEFT...
FUN

ZIPPY "YOU WILL BE TOAD" BILL GRIFFITH


I DON'T KNOW, MR. TOAD.. I'M FEELING KIND OF GENERIC TODAY.. ARE YOU FEELING KIND OF GENERIC?
GENERIC IS A CONCEPT. GENERIC IS NOT A REALITY.
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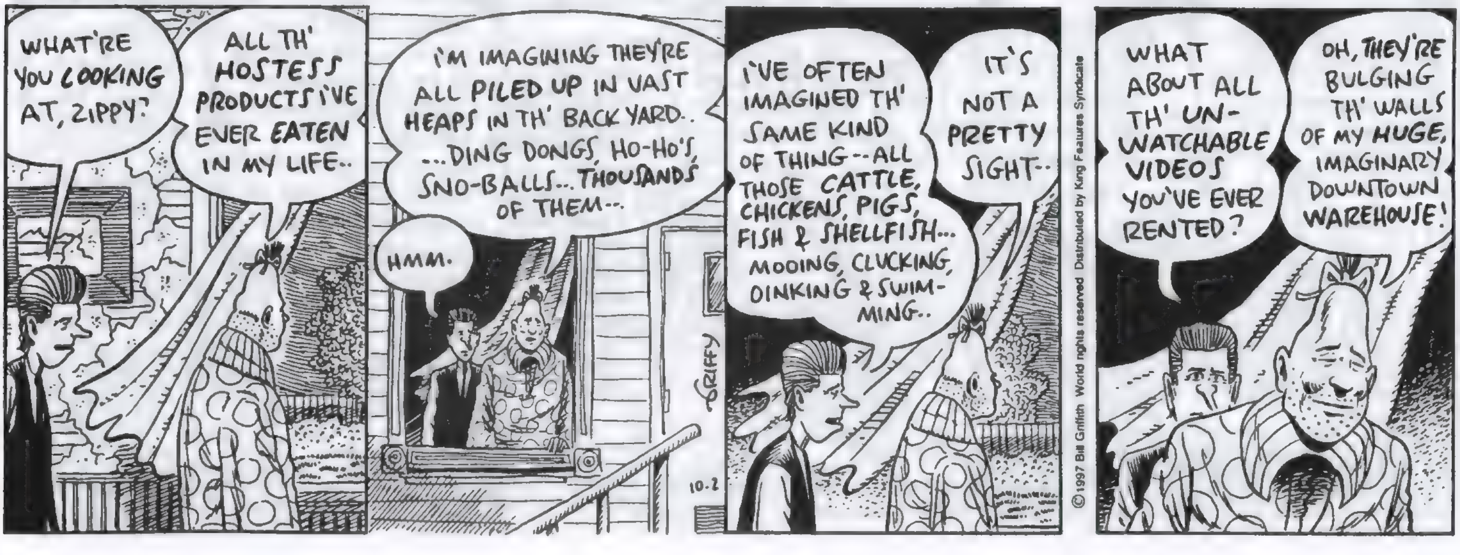
ARE YOU IMPUGNING MY SENSE OF GENERICNESS?
NO. I AM NEGATING YOUR SENSE OF GENERICNESS.
GRIFFY
9-30
NOW I'M CONFUSED. AM I REAL? ARE YOU REAL? IS ANYTHING REAL?
COULD YOU PLEASE BE MORE SPECIFIC?

ZIPPY "DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT" BILL GRIFFITH


WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT, ZIPPY?
ALL TH' HOSTESS PRODUCTS I'VE EVER EATEN IN MY LIFE..
I'M IMAGINING THEY'RE ALL PILED UP IN VAST HEAPS IN TH' BACK YARD.. ...DING DONGS, HO-HO'S, SNO-BALLS... THOUSANDS OF THEM...
HMM.
GRIFFY
10-2
I'VE OFTEN IMAGINED TH' SAME KIND OF THING--ALL THOSE CATTLE, CHICKENS, PIGS, FISH & SHELLFISH... MOOING, CLUCKING, OINKING & SWIMMING..
IT'S NOT A PRETTY SIGHT..
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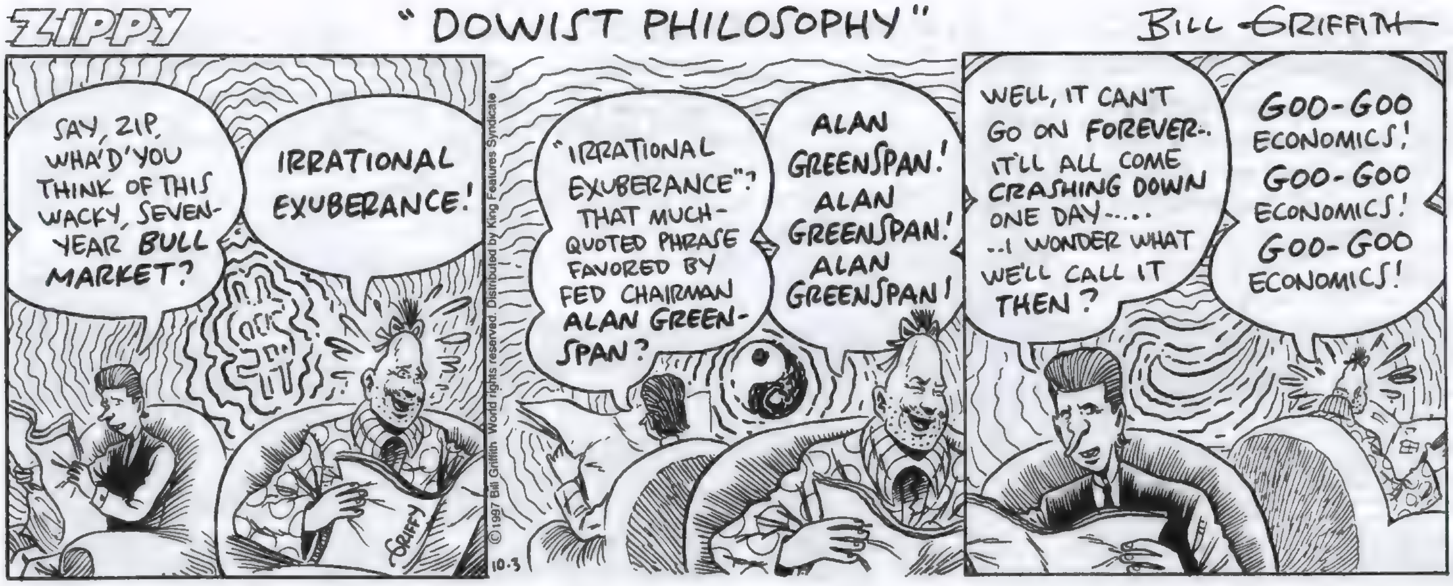
WHAT ABOUT ALL TH' UN-WATCHABLE VIDEOS YOU'VE EVER RENTED?
OH, THEY'RE BULGING TH' WALLS OF MY HUGE, IMAGINARY DOWNTOWN WAREHOUSE!


ZIPPY
"DOWIST PHILOSOPHY"
BILL GRIFFITH
SAY, ZIP, WHA'D'YOU THINK OF THIS WACKY, SEVEN-YEAR BULL MARKET?
IRRATIONAL EXUBERANCE!
GRIFFY
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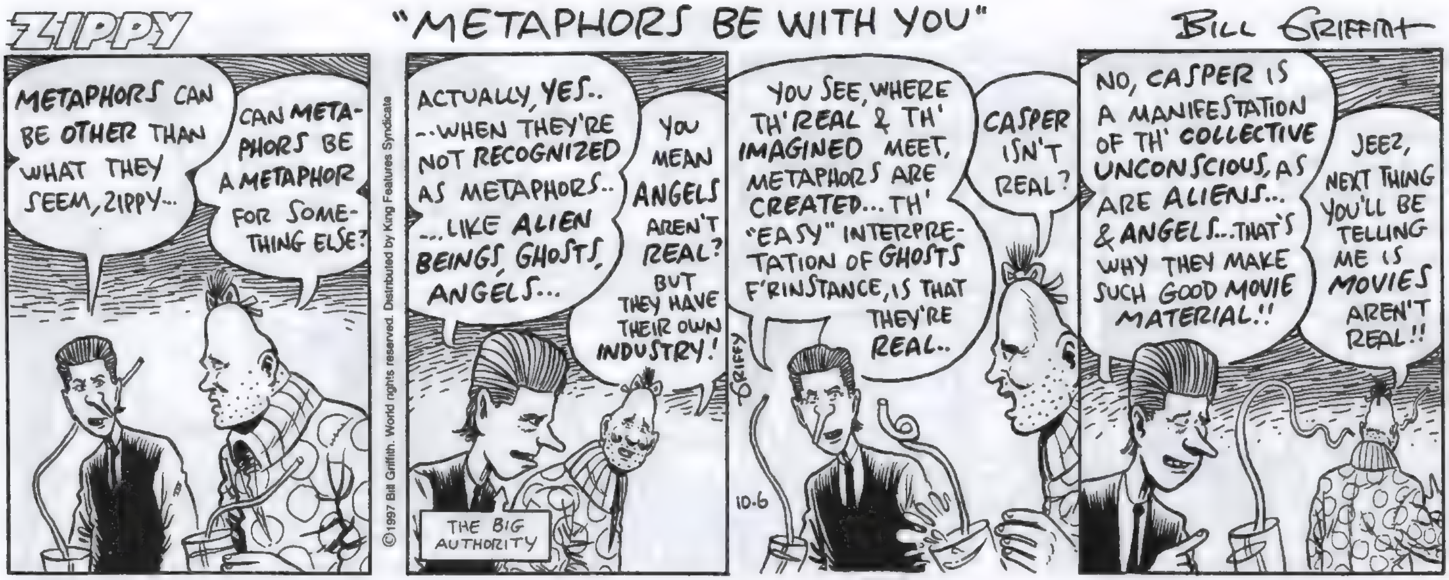
10-3
"IRRATIONAL EXUBERANCE"? THAT MUCH-QUOTED PHRASE FAVORED BY FED CHAIRMAN ALAN GREENSPAN?
ALAN GREENSPAN! ALAN GREENSPAN! ALAN GREENSPAN!
WELL, IT CAN'T GO ON FOREVER.. IT'LL ALL COME CRASHING DOWN ONE DAY..... ..I WONDER WHAT WE'LL CALL IT THEN?
GOO-GOO ECONOMICS! GOO-GOO ECONOMICS! GOO-GOO ECONOMICS!


ZIPPY
"METAPHORS BE WITH YOU"
BILL GRIFFITH
METAPHORS CAN BE OTHER THAN WHAT THEY SEEM, ZIPPY...
CAN METAPHORS BE A METAPHOR FOR SOMETHING ELSE?
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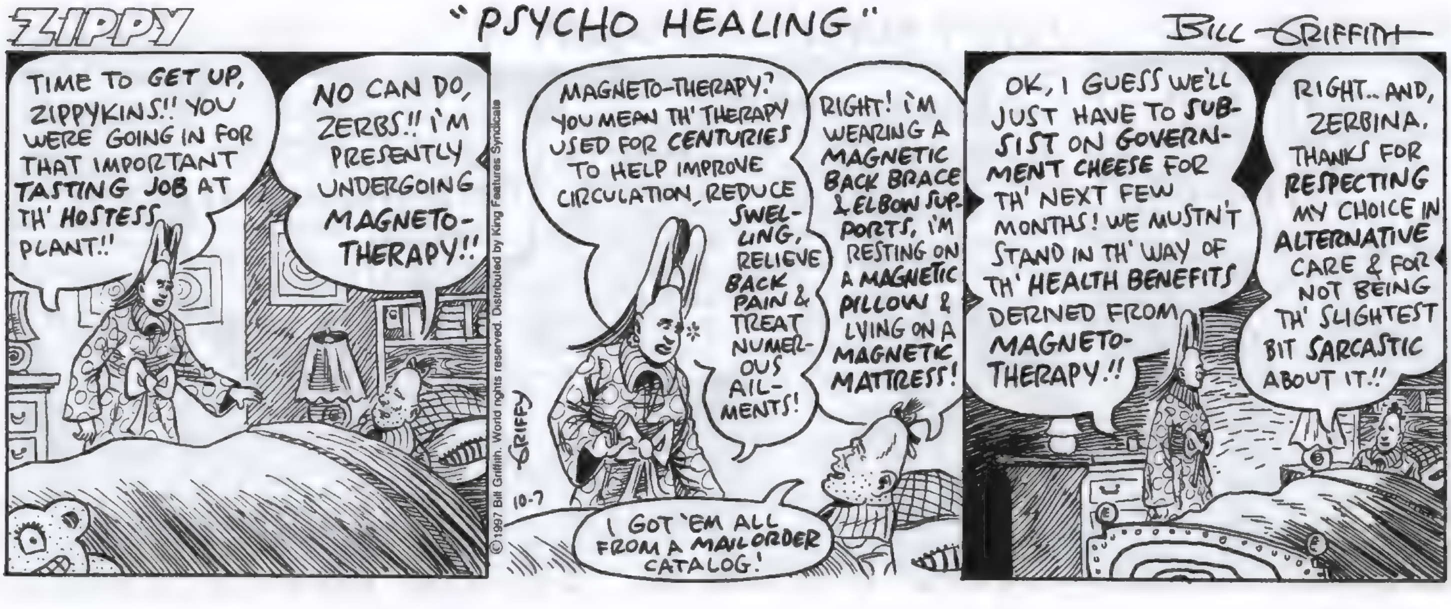
ACTUALLY, YES.. ..WHEN THEY'RE NOT RECOGNIZED AS METAPHORS.. ...LIKE ALIEN BEINGS, GHOSTS, ANGELS...
YOU MEAN ANGELS AREN'T REAL? BUT THEY HAVE THEIR OWN INDUSTRY!
THE BIG AUTHORITY
GRIFFY
10-6
YOU SEE, WHERE TH' REAL & TH' IMAGINED MEET, METAPHORS ARE CREATED... TH' "EASY" INTERPRETATION OF GHOSTS F'RINSTANCE, IS THAT THEY'RE REAL..
CASPER ISN'T REAL?
NO, CASPER IS A MANIFESTATION OF TH' COLLECTIVE UNCONSCIOUS, AS ARE ALIENS... & ANGELS...THAT'S WHY THEY MAKE SUCH GOOD MOVIE MATERIAL!!
JEEZ, NEXT THING YOU'LL BE TELLING ME IS MOVIES AREN'T REAL!!


ZIPPY
"PSYCHO HEALING"
BILL GRIFFITH
TIME TO GET UP, ZIPPYKINS!! YOU WERE GOING IN FOR THAT IMPORTANT TASTING JOB AT TH' HOSTESS PLANT!!
NO CAN DO, ZERBS!! I'M PRESENTLY UNDERGOING MAGNETO-THERAPY!!
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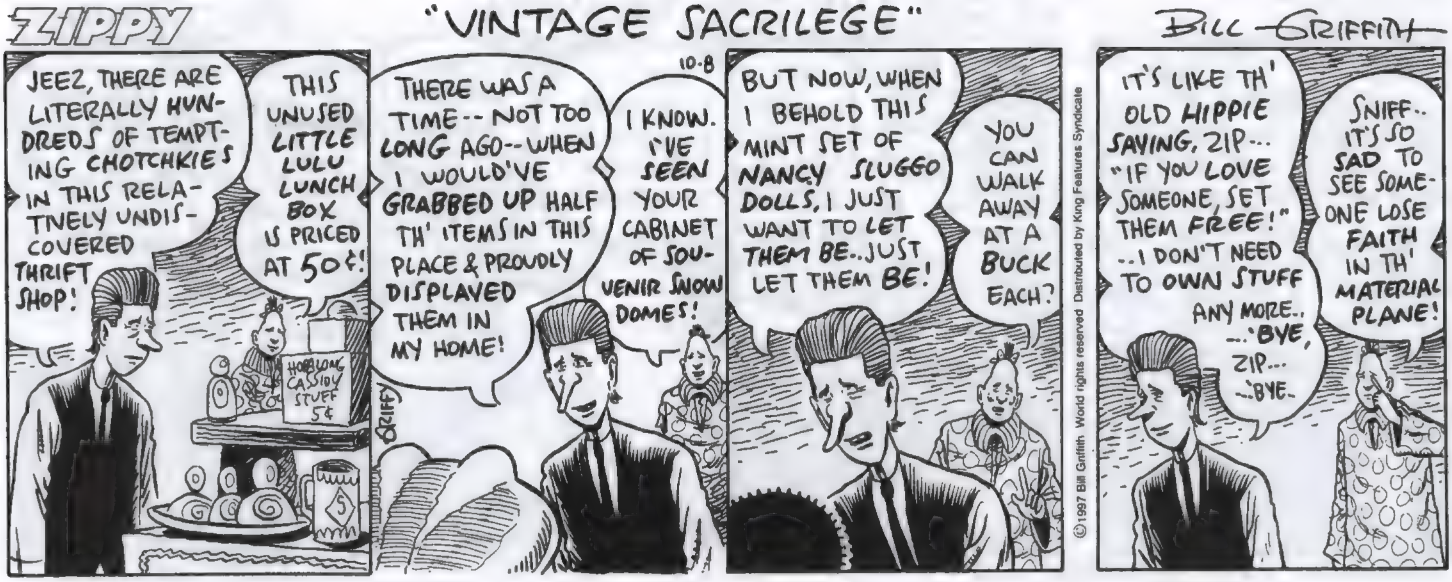
MAGNETO-THERAPY? YOU MEAN TH' THERAPY USED FOR CENTURIES TO HELP IMPROVE CIRCULATION, REDUCE SWELLING, RELIEVE BACK PAIN & TREAT NUMEROUS AILMENTS!
RIGHT! I'M WEARING A MAGNETIC BACK BRACE & ELBOW SUPPORTS, I'M RESTING ON A MAGNETIC PILLOW & LYING ON A MAGNETIC MATTRESS!
GRIFFY
10-7
I GOT 'EM ALL FROM A MAILORDER CATALOG!
OK, I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SUBSIST ON GOVERNMENT CHEESE FOR TH' NEXT FEW MONTHS! WE MUSTN'T STAND IN TH' WAY OF TH' HEALTH BENEFITS DERIVED FROM MAGNETO-THERAPY!!
RIGHT.. AND, ZERBINA, THANKS FOR RESPECTING MY CHOICE IN ALTERNATIVE CARE & FOR NOT BEING TH' SLIGHTEST BIT SARCASTIC ABOUT IT!!


ZIPPY
"VINTAGE SACRILEGE"
BILL GRIFFITH
JEEZ, THERE ARE LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF TEMPTING CHOTCHKIES IN THIS RELATIVELY UNDISCOVERED THRIFT SHOP!
THIS UNUSED LITTLE LULU LUNCH BOX IS PRICED AT 50¢!
HOPALONG CASSIDY STUFF 5¢
5
10-8
THERE WAS A TIME-- NOT TOO LONG AGO-- WHEN I WOULD'VE GRABBED UP HALF TH' ITEMS IN THIS PLACE & PROUDLY DISPLAYED THEM IN MY HOME!
I KNOW. I'VE SEEN YOUR CABINET OF SOUVENIR SNOW DOMES!
GRIFFY
BUT NOW, WHEN I BEHOLD THIS MINT SET OF NANCY SLUGGO DOLLS, I JUST WANT TO LET THEM BE.. JUST LET THEM BE!
YOU CAN WALK AWAY AT A BUCK EACH?
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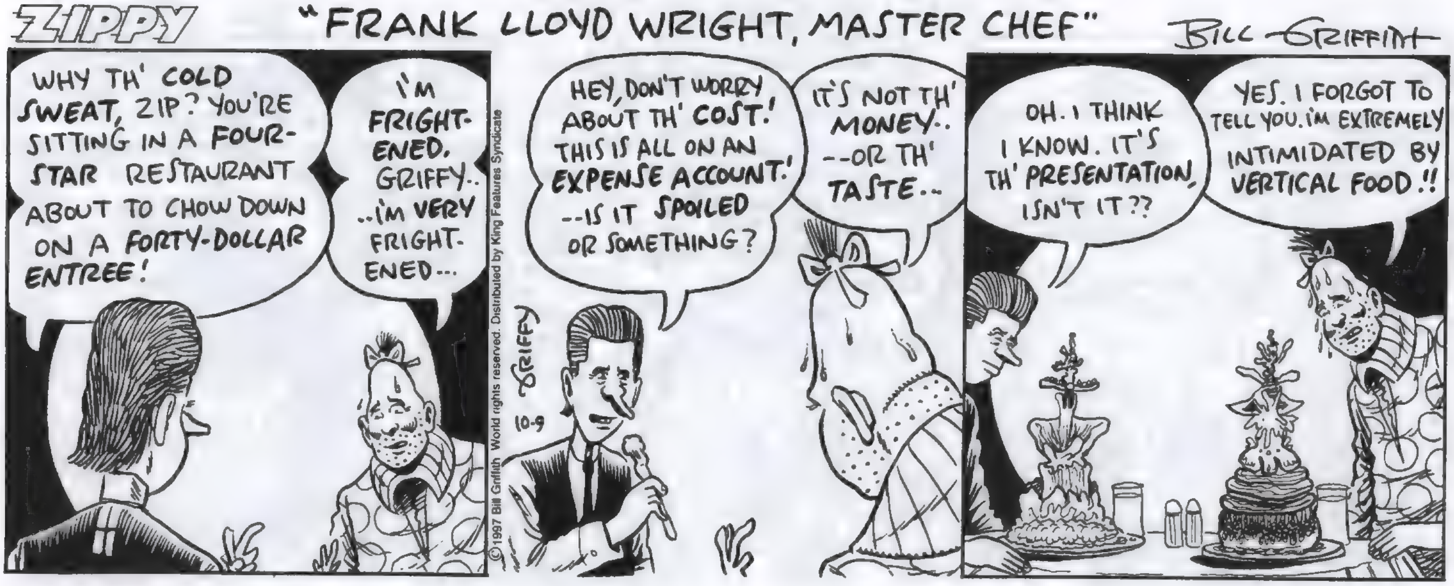
IT'S LIKE TH' OLD HIPPIE SAYING, ZIP... "IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE, SET THEM FREE!" ..I DON'T NEED TO OWN STUFF ANY MORE.. ..'BYE, ZIP... ..'BYE..
SNIFF.. IT'S SO SAD TO SEE SOMEONE LOSE FAITH IN TH' MATERIAL PLANE!


ZIPPY
"FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, MASTER CHEF"
BILL GRIFFITH
WHY TH' COLD SWEAT, ZIP? YOU'RE SITTING IN A FOUR-STAR RESTAURANT ABOUT TO CHOW DOWN ON A FORTY-DOLLAR ENTREE!
I'M FRIGHTENED, GRIFFY.. ..I'M VERY FRIGHTENED...
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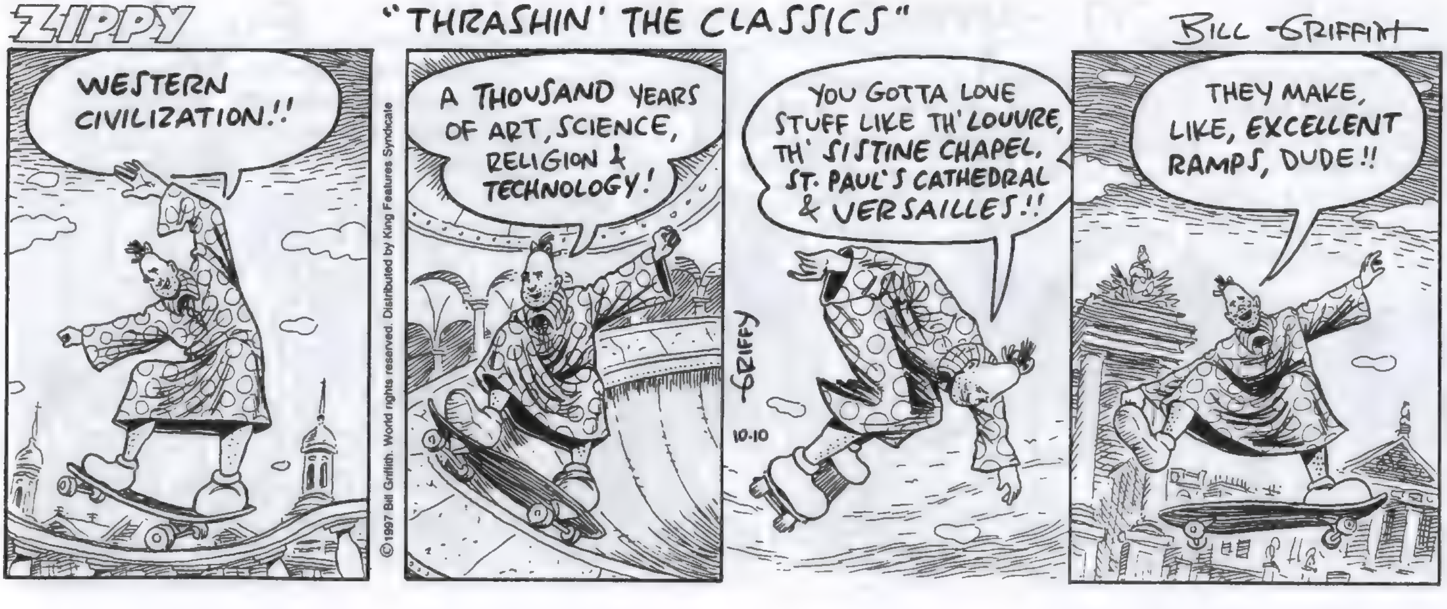
GRIFFY
10-9
HEY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT TH' COST! THIS IS ALL ON AN EXPENSE ACCOUNT! --IS IT SPOILED OR SOMETHING?
IT'S NOT TH' MONEY.. --OR TH' TASTE..
OH. I THINK I KNOW. IT'S TH' PRESENTATION, ISN'T IT??
YES. I FORGOT TO TELL YOU. I'M EXTREMELY INTIMIDATED BY VERTICAL FOOD!!


ZIPPY
"THRASHIN' THE CLASSICS"
BILL GRIFFITH
WESTERN CIVILIZATION!!
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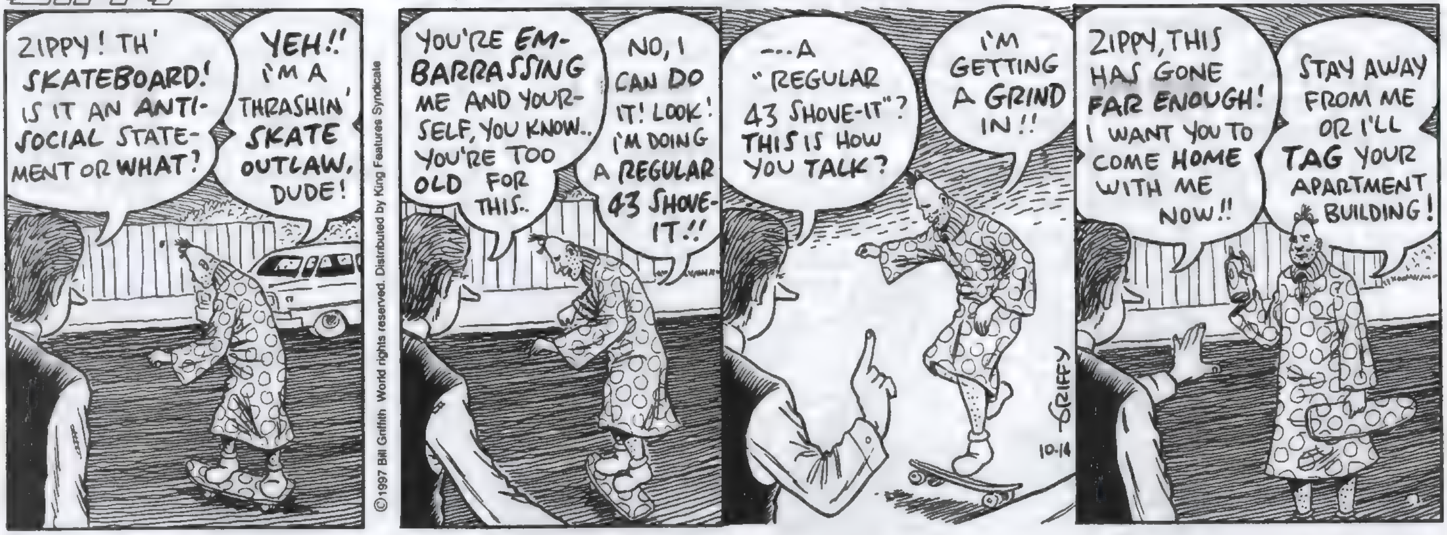
A THOUSAND YEARS OF ART, SCIENCE, RELIGION & TECHNOLOGY!
GRIFFY
10-10
YOU GOTTA LOVE STUFF LIKE TH' LOUVRE, TH' SISTINE CHAPEL, ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL & VERSAILLES!!
THEY MAKE, LIKE, EXCELLENT RAMPS, DUDE!!

ZIPPY "UP, OFF AND OVER THE WALL" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY! TH' SKATEBOARD! IS IT AN ANTI-SOCIAL STATEMENT OR WHAT?
YEH!! I'M A THRASHIN' SKATE OUTLAW, DUDE!
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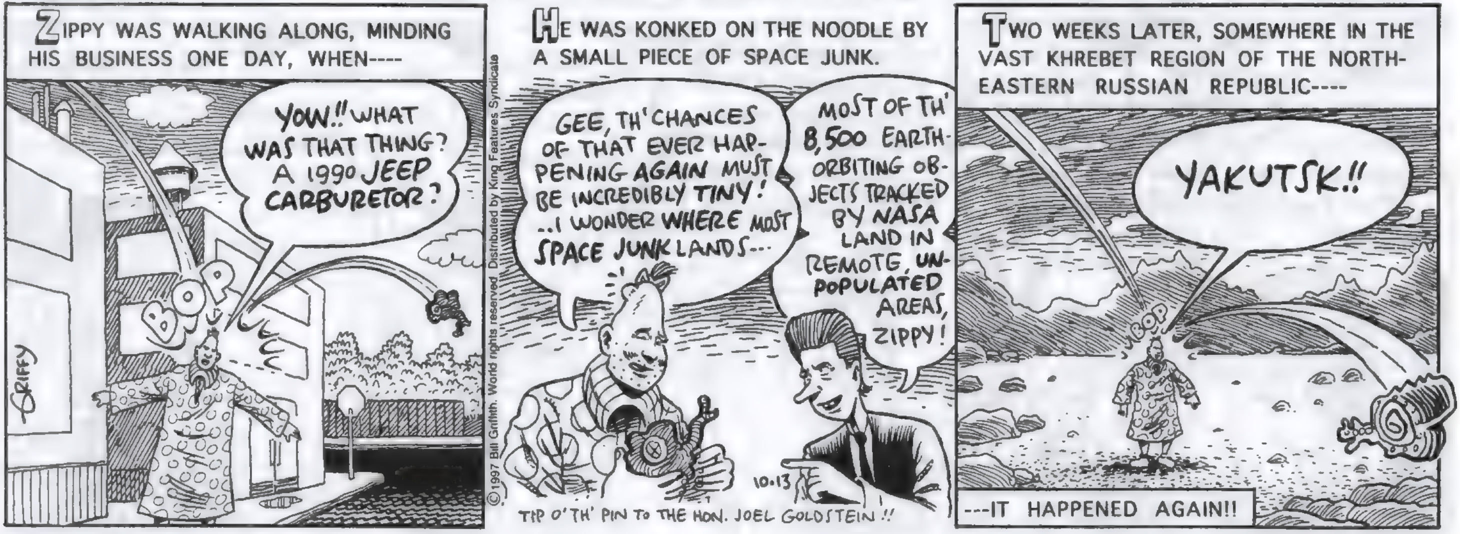
YOU'RE EMBARRASSING ME AND YOURSELF, YOU KNOW.. YOU'RE TOO OLD FOR THIS..
NO, I CAN DO IT! LOOK! I'M DOING A REGULAR 43 SHOVE-IT!!
...A "REGULAR 43 SHOVE-IT"? THIS IS HOW YOU TALK?
I'M GETTING A GRIND IN!!
GRIFFY
10-14
ZIPPY, THIS HAS GONE FAR ENOUGH! I WANT YOU TO COME HOME WITH ME NOW!!
STAY AWAY FROM ME OR I'LL TAG YOUR APARTMENT BUILDING!

ZIPPY "JUNQUE COLLECTOR" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPPY WAS WALKING ALONG, MINDING HIS BUSINESS ONE DAY, WHEN----
YOW!! WHAT WAS THAT THING? A 1990 JEEP CARBURETOR?
BOP
GRIFFY
HE WAS KONKED ON THE NOODLE BY A SMALL PIECE OF SPACE JUNK.
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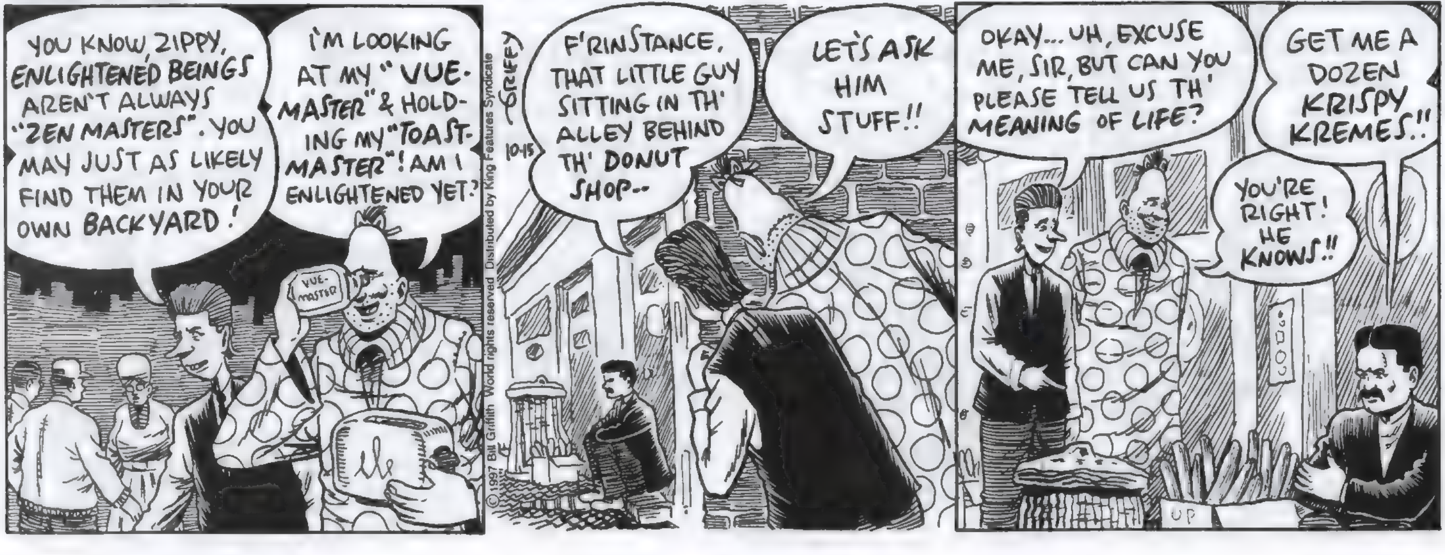
GEE, TH' CHANCES OF THAT EVER HAPPENING AGAIN MUST BE INCREDIBLY TINY! ..I WONDER WHERE MOST SPACE JUNK LANDS---
MOST OF TH' 8,500 EARTH-ORBITING OBJECTS TRACKED BY NASA LAND IN REMOTE, UNPOPULATED AREAS, ZIPPY!
10-13
TIP O' TH' PIN TO THE HON. JOEL GOLDSTEIN!!
TWO WEEKS LATER, SOMEWHERE IN THE VAST KHREBET REGION OF THE NORTH-EASTERN RUSSIAN REPUBLIC----
YAKUTSK!!
BOP
---IT HAPPENED AGAIN!!

ZIPPY "IT HAPPENED IN WINSTON-SALEM" BILL GRIFFITH


YOU KNOW, ZIPPY, ENLIGHTENED BEINGS AREN'T ALWAYS "ZEN MASTERS". YOU MAY JUST AS LIKELY FIND THEM IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD!
I'M LOOKING AT MY "VUE-MASTER" & HOLDING MY "TOASTMASTER"! AM I ENLIGHTENED YET?
VUE-MASTER
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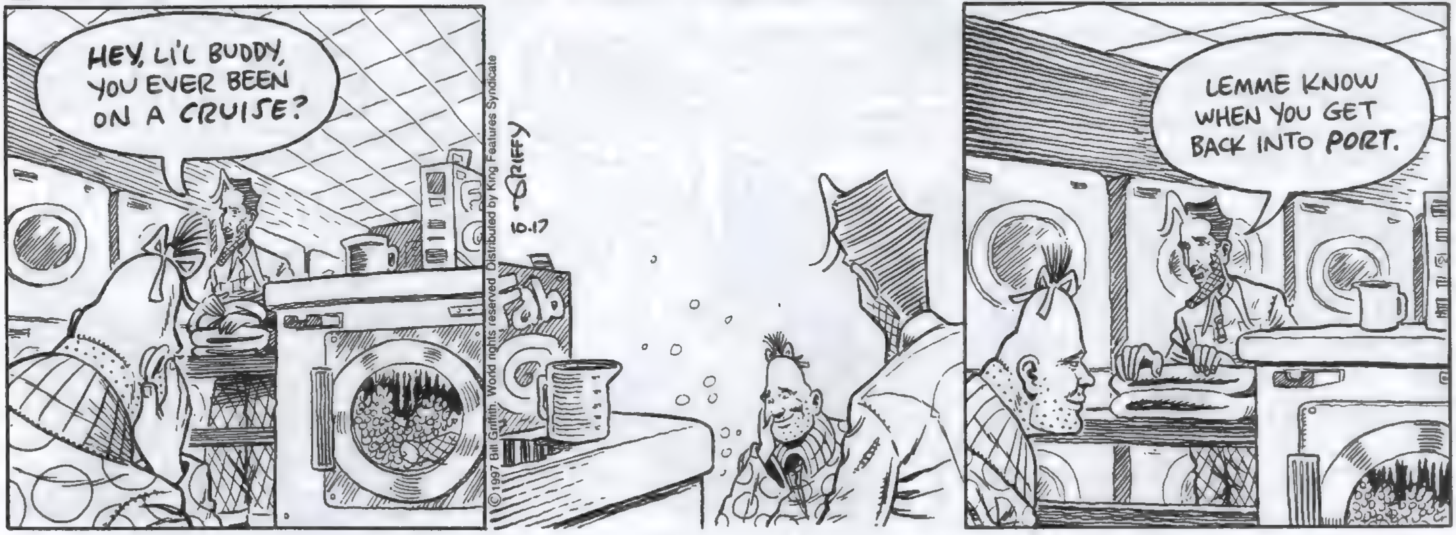
GRIFFY
10-15
F'RINSTANCE, THAT LITTLE GUY SITTING IN TH' ALLEY BEHIND TH' DONUT SHOP--
LET'S ASK HIM STUFF!!
OKAY... UH, EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT CAN YOU PLEASE TELL US TH' MEANING OF LIFE?
GET ME A DOZEN KRISPY KREMES!!
YOU'RE RIGHT! HE KNOWS!!

ZIPPY "IN LAUNDERLAND" BILL GRIFFITH


HEY, LI'L BUDDY, YOU EVER BEEN ON A CRUISE?
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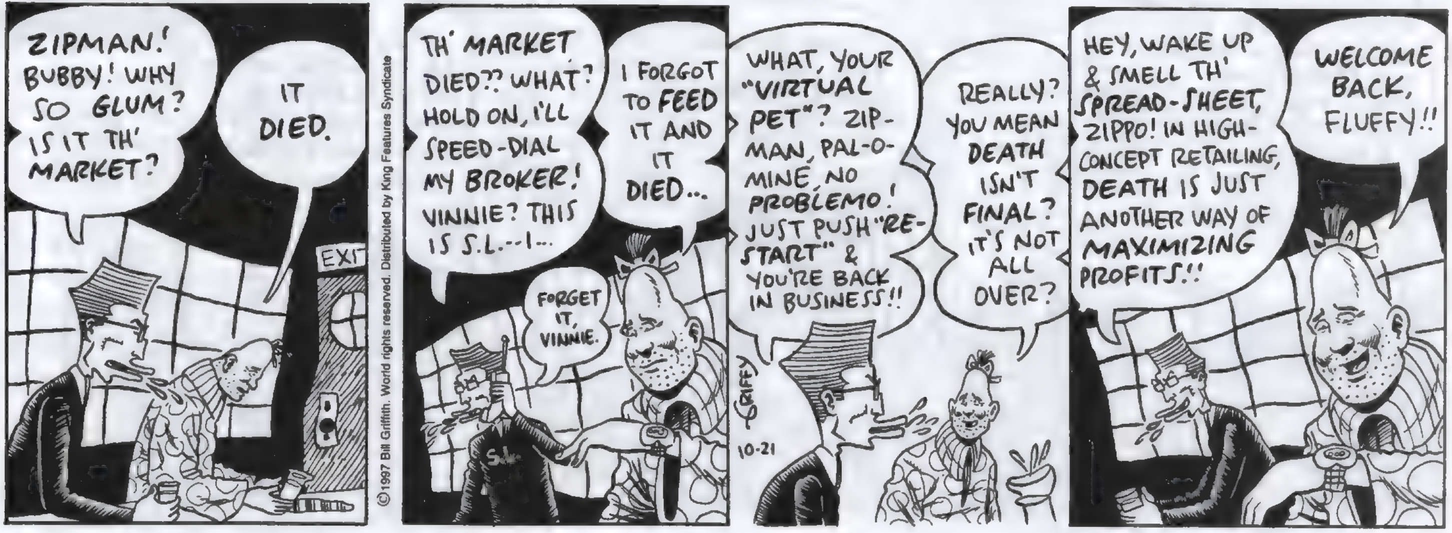
GRIFFY 10-17
LEMME KNOW WHEN YOU GET BACK INTO PORT.

ZIPPY "DEATH, BE NOT AROUND" BILL GRIFFITH


ZIPMAN! BUBBY! WHY SO GLUM? IS IT TH' MARKET?
IT DIED.
EXIT
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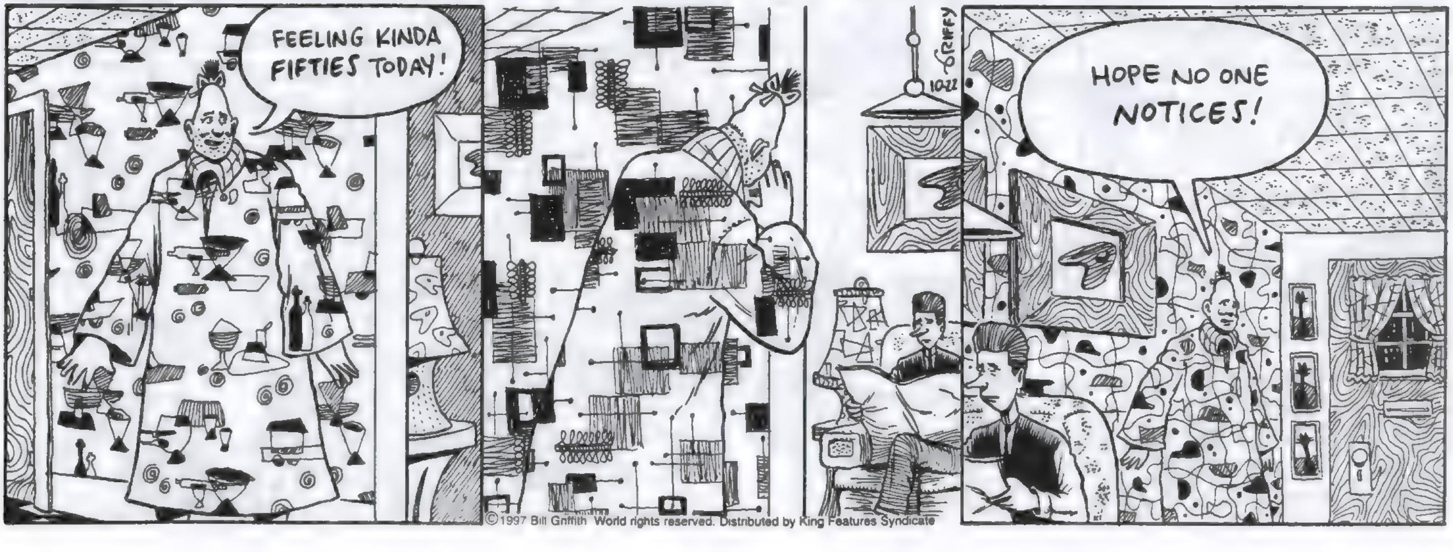
TH' MARKET DIED?? WHAT? HOLD ON, I'LL SPEED-DIAL MY BROKER! VINNIE? THIS IS S.L.--I...
I FORGOT TO FEED IT AND IT DIED...
FORGET IT, VINNIE.
GRIFFY 10-21
WHAT, YOUR "VIRTUAL PET"? ZIP-MAN, PAL-O-MINE, NO PROBLEMO! JUST PUSH "RE-START" & YOU'RE BACK IN BUSINESS!!
REALLY? YOU MEAN DEATH ISN'T FINAL? IT'S NOT ALL OVER?
HEY, WAKE UP & SMELL TH' SPREAD-SHEET, ZIPPO! IN HIGH-CONCEPT RETAILING, DEATH IS JUST ANOTHER WAY OF MAXIMIZING PROFITS!!
WELCOME BACK, FLUFFY!!

ZIPPY "BEHAVIOR PATTERN" BILL GRIFFITH


FEELING KINDA FIFTIES TODAY!
GRIFFY 10-22
HOPE NO ONE NOTICES!
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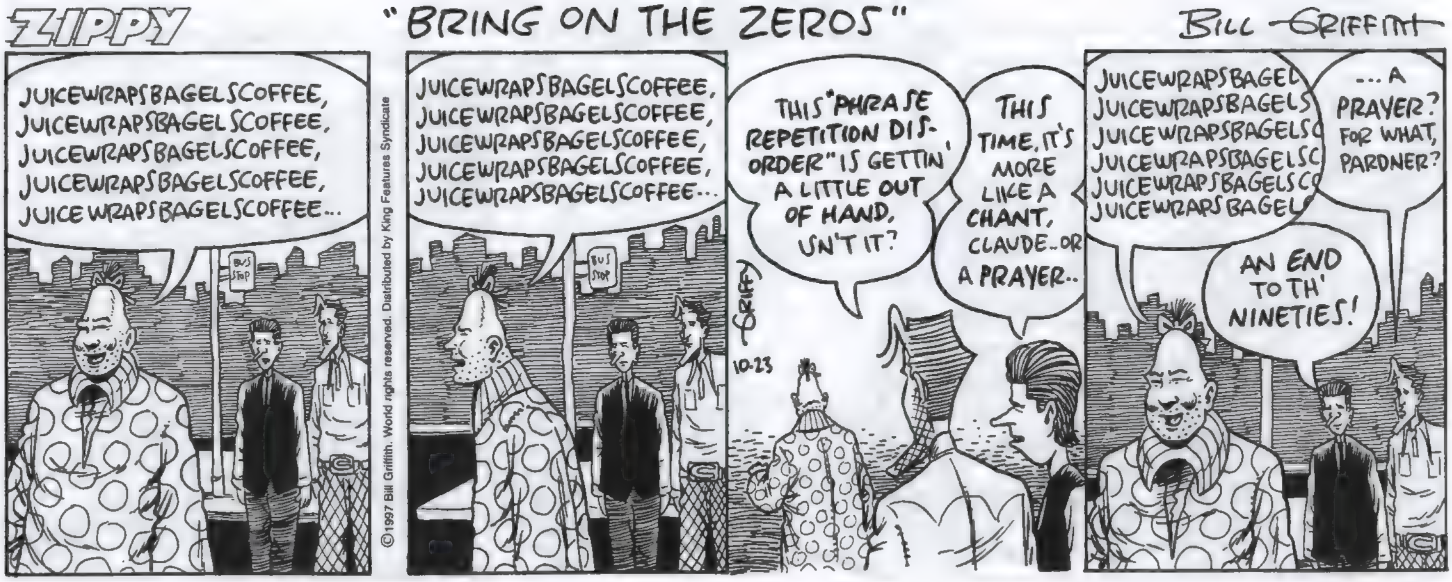
ZIPPY
"BRING ON THE ZEROS"
BILL GRIFFITH
JUICEWRAPSBAGELSCOFFEE, JUICEWRAPSBAGELSCOFFEE, JUICEWRAPSBAGELSCOFFEE, JUICEWRAPSBAGELSCOFFEE, JUICEWRAPSBAGELSCOFFEE...
BUS STOP
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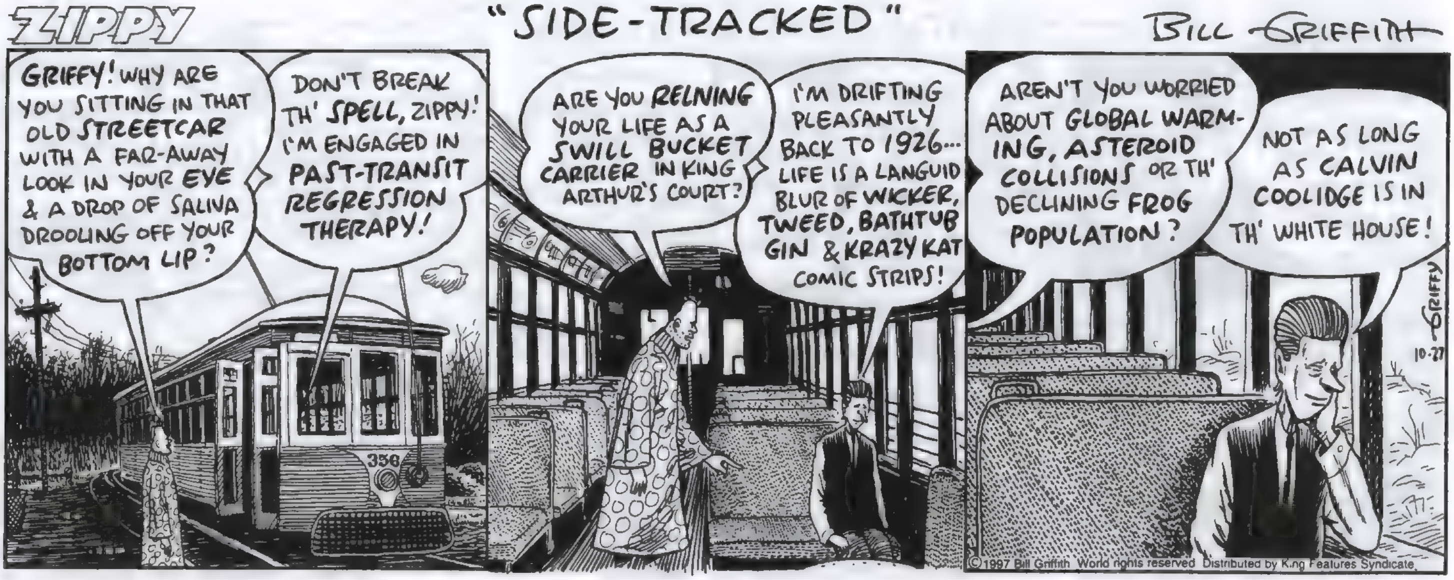
BUS STOP
GRIFFY
10-23
THIS "PHRASE REPETITION DISORDER" IS GETTIN' A LITTLE OUT OF HAND, ISN'T IT?
THIS TIME, IT'S MORE LIKE A CHANT, CLAUDE.. OR A PRAYER..
JUICEWRAPSBAGEL JUICEWRAPSBAGELS JUICEWRAPSBAGELSC JUICEWRAPSBAGELSC JUICEWRAPSBAGELSC JUICEWRAPSBAGEL
... A PRAYER? FOR WHAT, PARDNER?
AN END TO TH' NINETIES!


ZIPPY
"SIDE-TRACKED"
BILL GRIFFITH
GRIFFY! WHY ARE YOU SITTING IN THAT OLD STREETCAR WITH A FAR-AWAY LOOK IN YOUR EYE & A DROP OF SALIVA DROOLING OFF YOUR BOTTOM LIP?
DON'T BREAK TH' SPELL, ZIPPY! I'M ENGAGED IN PAST-TRANSIT REGRESSION THERAPY!
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ARE YOU RELIVING YOUR LIFE AS A SWILL BUCKET CARRIER IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT?
I'M DRIFTING PLEASANTLY BACK TO 1926... LIFE IS A LANGUID BLUR OF WICKER, TWEED, BATHTUB GIN & KRAZY KAT COMIC STRIPS!
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING, ASTEROID COLLISIONS OR TH' DECLINING FROG POPULATION?
NOT AS LONG AS CALVIN COOLIDGE IS IN TH' WHITE HOUSE!
GRIFFY
10-27
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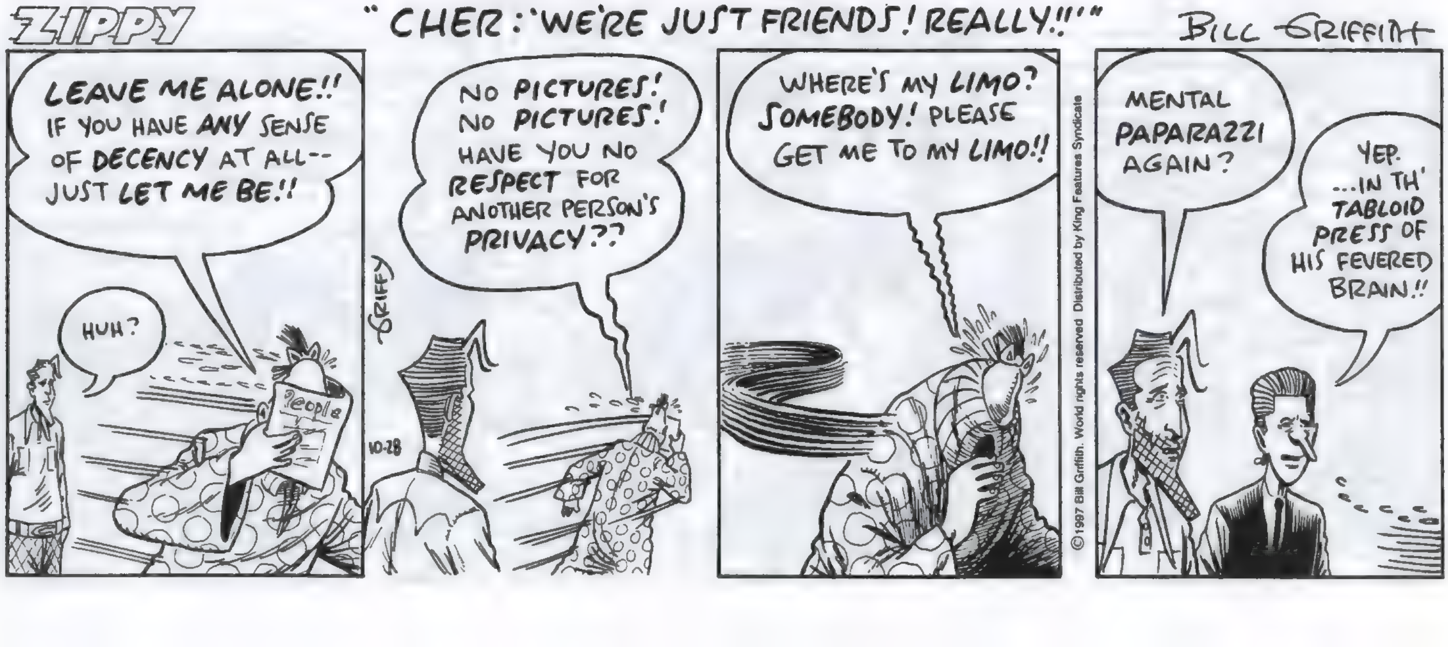
ZIPPY
"CHER: 'WE'RE JUST FRIENDS! REALLY!!'"
BILL GRIFFITH
LEAVE ME ALONE!! IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE OF DECENCY AT ALL-- JUST LET ME BE!!
HUH?
People
GRIFFY
10-28
NO PICTURES! NO PICTURES! HAVE YOU NO RESPECT FOR ANOTHER PERSON'S PRIVACY??
WHERE'S MY LIMO? SOMEBODY! PLEASE GET ME TO MY LIMO!!
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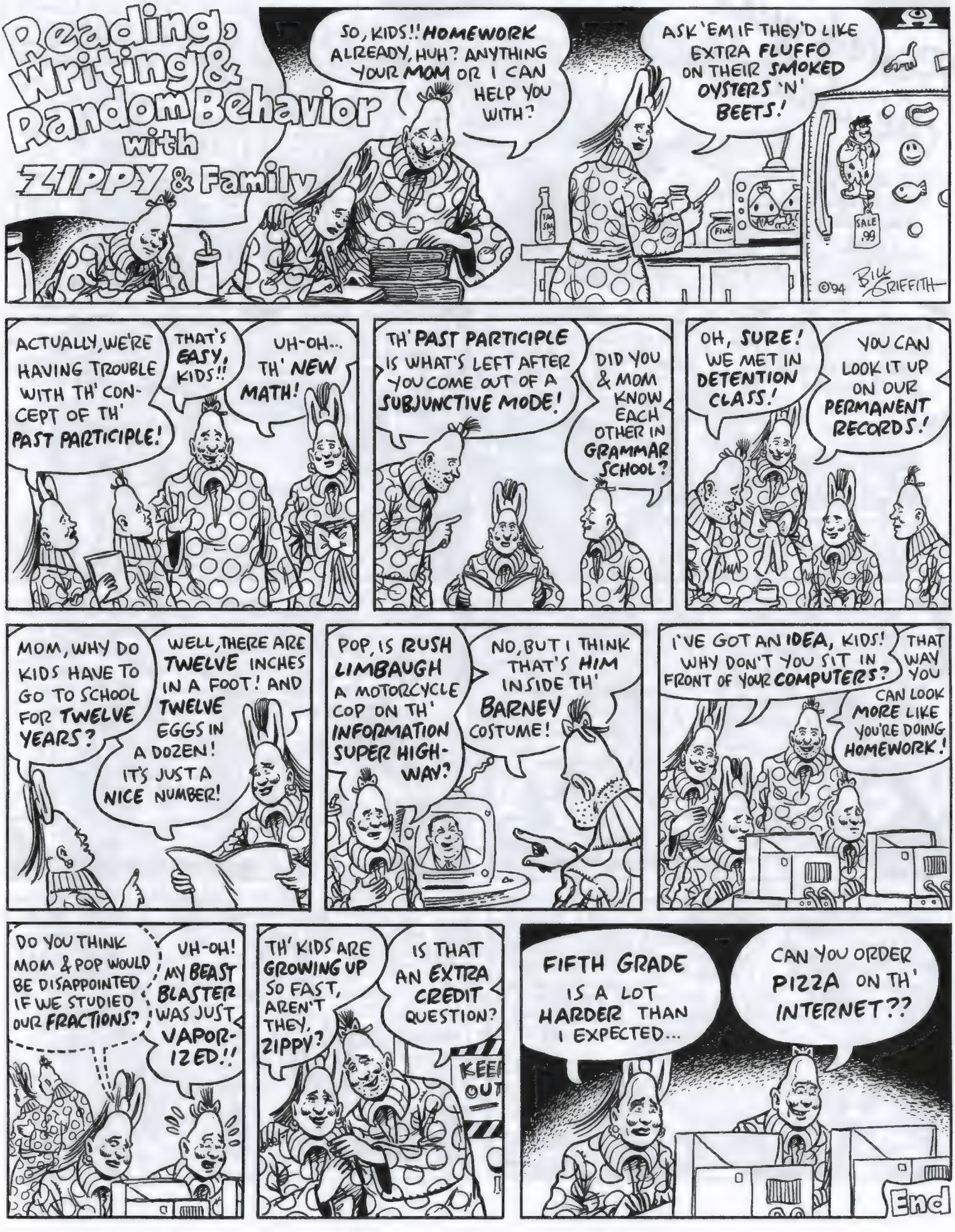
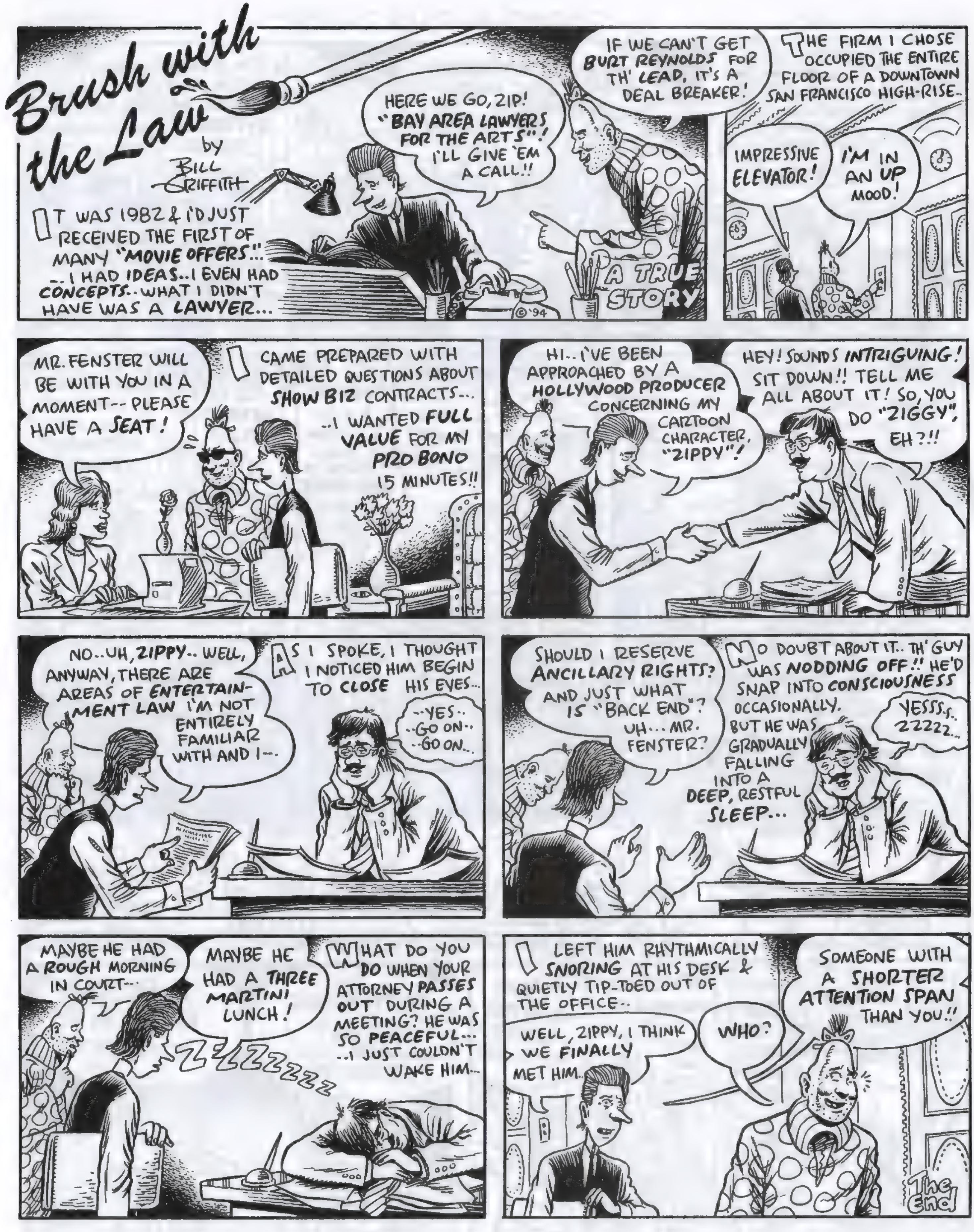
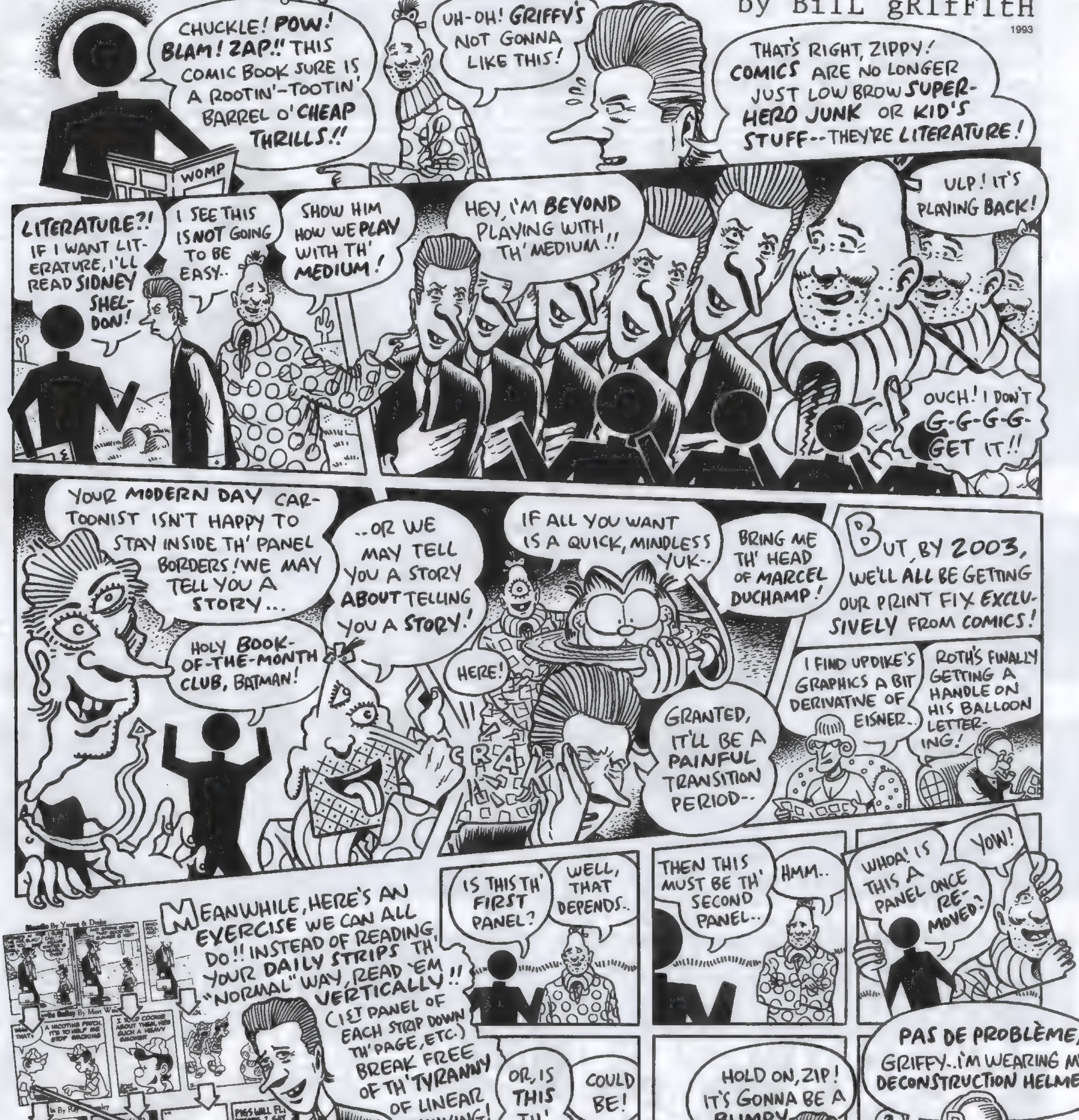
MENTAL PAPARAZZI AGAIN?
YEP. ...IN TH' TABLOID PRESS OF HIS FEVERED BRAIN!!


Reading, Writing & Random Behavior with ZIPPY & Family
SO, KIDS!! HOMEWORK ALREADY, HUH? ANYTHING YOUR MOM OR I CAN HELP YOU WITH?
ASK 'EM IF THEY'D LIKE EXTRA FLUFFO ON THEIR SMOKED OYSTERS 'N' BEETS!
SALE .99
©94 BILL GRIFFITH
ACTUALLY, WE'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH TH' CONCEPT OF TH' PAST PARTICIPLE!
THAT'S EASY, KIDS!!
UH-OH... TH' NEW MATH!
TH' PAST PARTICIPLE IS WHAT'S LEFT AFTER YOU COME OUT OF A SUBJUNCTIVE MODE!
DID YOU & MOM KNOW EACH OTHER IN GRAMMAR SCHOOL?
OH, SURE! WE MET IN DETENTION CLASS!
YOU CAN LOOK IT UP ON OUR PERMANENT RECORDS!
MOM, WHY DO KIDS HAVE TO GO TO SCHOOL FOR TWELVE YEARS?
WELL, THERE ARE TWELVE INCHES IN A FOOT! AND TWELVE EGGS IN A DOZEN! IT'S JUST A NICE NUMBER!
POP, IS RUSH LIMBAUGH A MOTORCYCLE COP ON TH' INFORMATION SUPER HIGHWAY?
NO, BUT I THINK THAT'S HIM INSIDE TH' BARNEY COSTUME!
I'VE GOT AN IDEA, KIDS! WHY DON'T YOU SIT IN FRONT OF YOUR COMPUTERS?
THAT WAY YOU CAN LOOK MORE LIKE YOU'RE DOING HOMEWORK!
DO YOU THINK MOM & POP WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED IF WE STUDIED OUR FRACTIONS?
UH-OH! MY BEAST BLASTER WAS JUST VAPORIZED!!
TH' KIDS ARE GROWING UP SO FAST, AREN'T THEY, ZIPPY?
IS THAT AN EXTRA CREDIT QUESTION?
KEEP OUT
FIFTH GRADE IS A LOT HARDER THAN I EXPECTED...
CAN YOU ORDER PIZZA ON TH' INTERNET??
End


Brush with the Law
by Bill Griffith
It was 1982 & I'd just received the first of many "movie offers"... ..I had ideas..I even had concepts..what I didn't have was a lawyer...
Here we go, Zip! "Bay Area Lawyers for the Arts"! I'll give 'em a call!!
If we can't get Burt Reynolds for th' lead, it's a deal breaker!
A true story
© '94
The firm I chose occupied the entire floor of a downtown San Francisco high-rise..
Impressive elevator!
I'm in an up mood!
Mr. Fenster will be with you in a moment-- please have a seat!
I came prepared with detailed questions about show biz contracts... ..I wanted full value for my pro bono 15 minutes!!
Hi.. I've been approached by a Hollywood producer concerning my cartoon character, "Zippy"!
Hey! Sounds intriguing! Sit down!! Tell me all about it! So, you do "Ziggy", eh?!!
No..uh, Zippy.. well, anyway, there are areas of entertainment law I'm not entirely familiar with and I--.
As I spoke, I thought I noticed him begin to close his eyes...
--Yes.. ..Go on.. ..Go on...
Should I reserve ancillary rights? And just what is "back end"? Uh... Mr. Fenster?
No doubt about it.. th' guy was nodding off!! He'd snap into consciousness occasionally, but he was gradually falling into a deep, restful sleep...
Yessss.s.. zzzzz..
Maybe he had a rough morning in court--
Maybe he had a three martini lunch!
What do you do when your attorney passes out during a meeting? He was so peaceful... ..I just couldn't wake him...
ZZZZZzzzz
I left him rhythmically snoring at his desk & quietly tip-toed out of the office..
Well, Zippy, I think we finally met him..
Who?
Someone with a shorter attention span than you!!
The End

DANGER: DeConstrucTion ZONE

by BilL gRIfFItH


1993
CHUCKLE! POW! BLAM! ZAP!! THIS COMIC BOOK SURE IS A ROOTIN'-TOOTIN' BARREL O' CHEAP THRILLS!!
WOMP
UH-OH! GRIFFY'S NOT GONNA LIKE THIS!
THAT'S RIGHT, ZIPPY! COMICS ARE NO LONGER JUST LOW BROW SUPER-HERO JUNK OR KID'S STUFF--THEY'RE LITERATURE!
LITERATURE?! IF I WANT LITERATURE, I'LL READ SIDNEY SHELDON!
I SEE THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE EASY..
SHOW HIM HOW WE PLAY WITH TH' MEDIUM!
HEY, I'M BEYOND PLAYING WITH TH' MEDIUM!!
ULP! IT'S PLAYING BACK!
OUCH! I DON'T G-G-G-G-GET IT!!
YOUR MODERN DAY CARTOONIST ISN'T HAPPY TO STAY INSIDE TH' PANEL BORDERS! WE MAY TELL YOU A STORY...
..OR WE MAY TELL YOU A STORY ABOUT TELLING YOU A STORY!
IF ALL YOU WANT IS A QUICK, MINDLESS YUK--
BRING ME TH' HEAD OF MARCEL DUCHAMP!
BUT, BY 2003, WE'LL ALL BE GETTING OUR PRINT FIX EXCLUSIVELY FROM COMICS!
HOLY BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB, BATMAN!
HERE!
CRAK
GRANTED, IT'LL BE A PAINFUL TRANSITION PERIOD--
I FIND UPDIKE'S GRAPHICS A BIT DERIVATIVE OF EISNER..
ROTH'S FINALLY GETTING A HANDLE ON HIS BALLOON LETTERING!
MEANWHILE, HERE'S AN EXERCISE WE CAN ALL DO!! INSTEAD OF READING YOUR DAILY STRIPS TH' "NORMAL" WAY, READ 'EM VERTICALLY!! (1ST PANEL OF EACH STRIP DOWN TH' PAGE, ETC.) BREAK FREE OF TH' TYRANNY OF LINEAR THINKING!
TIP O' THE PIN TO J. BULLER!
IS THIS TH' FIRST PANEL?
WELL, THAT DEPENDS..
THEN THIS MUST BE TH' SECOND PANEL..
HMM..
WHOA! IS THIS A PANEL ONCE RE-MOVED?
YOW!
OR, IS THIS TH' SECOND PANEL?
COULD BE!
HOLD ON, ZIP! IT'S GONNA BE A BUMPY RIDE!!
PAS DE PROBLÈME, GRIFFY..I'M WEARING MY DECONSTRUCTION HELMET!
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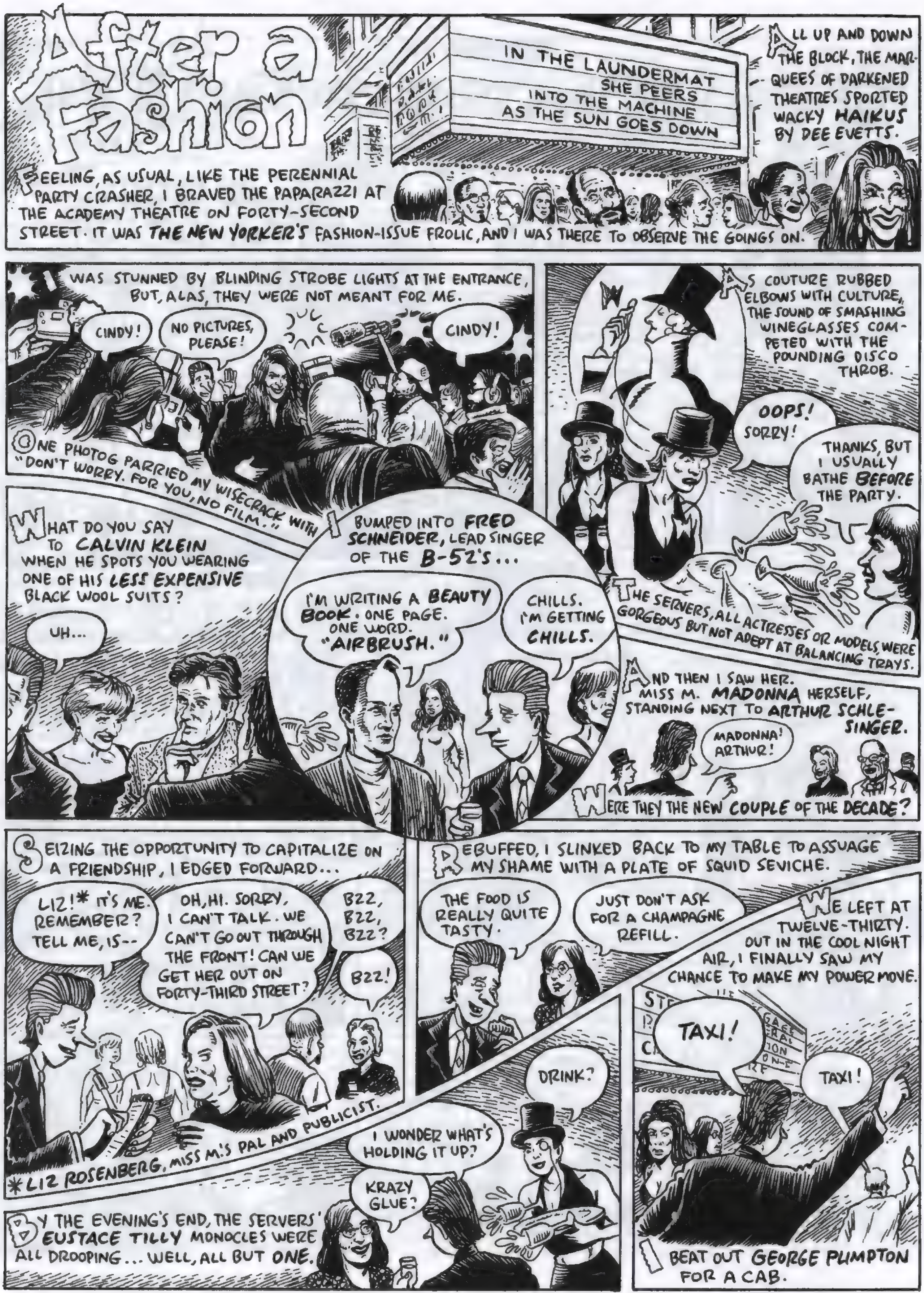
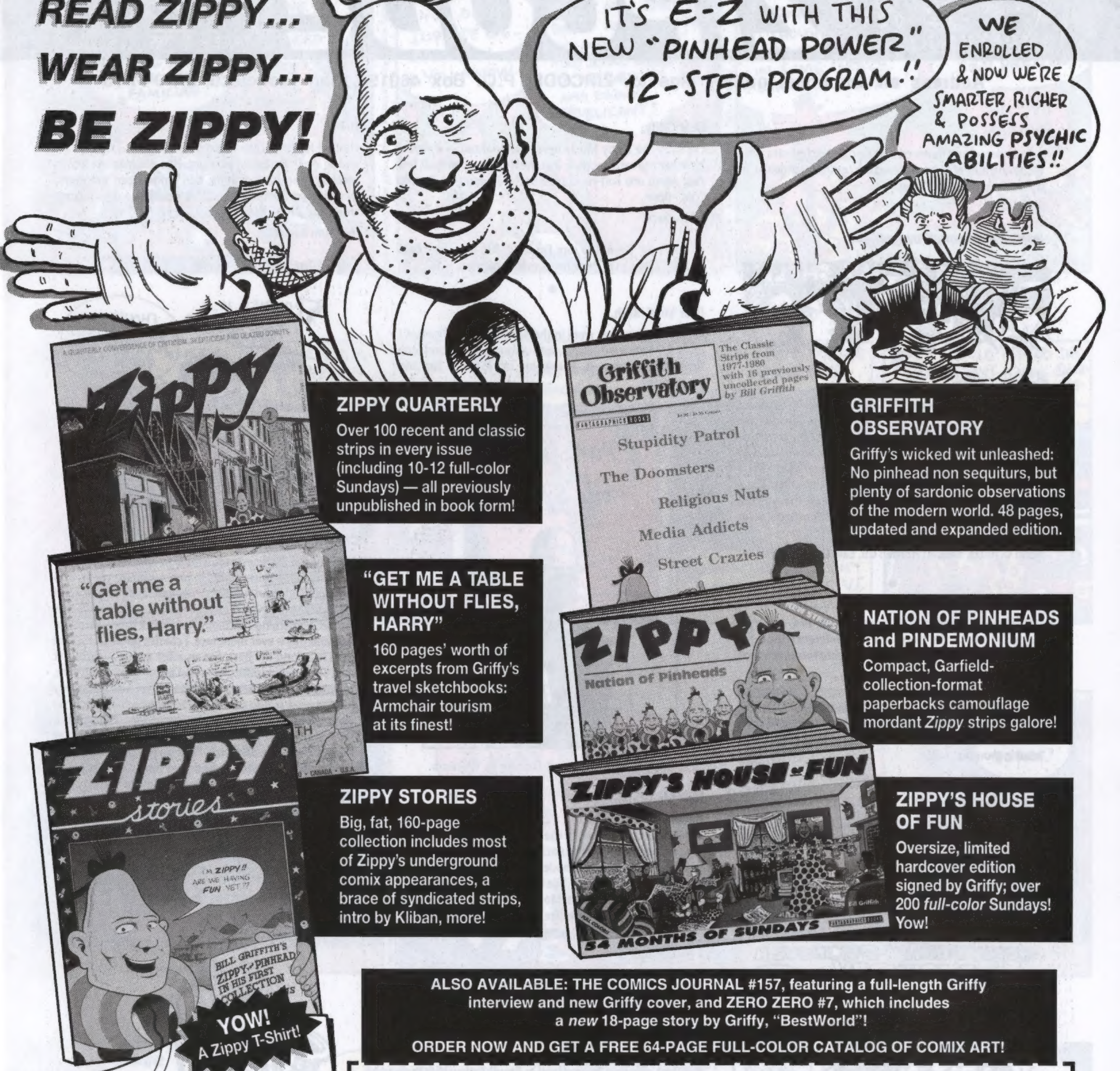
NOT A COMIC BOOK
NOT A COMIC BOOK


After a Fashion
IN THE LAUNDERMAT SHE PEERS INTO THE MACHINE AS THE SUN GOES DOWN
ALL UP AND DOWN THE BLOCK, THE MARQUEES OF DARKENED THEATRES SPORTED WACKY HAIKUS BY DEE EVETTS.
FEELING, AS USUAL, LIKE THE PERENNIAL PARTY CRASHER, I BRAVED THE PAPARAZZI AT THE ACADEMY THEATRE ON FORTY-SECOND STREET. IT WAS THE NEW YORKER'S FASHION-ISSUE FROLIC, AND I WAS THERE TO OBSERVE THE GOINGS ON.
I WAS STUNNED BY BLINDING STROBE LIGHTS AT THE ENTRANCE, BUT, ALAS, THEY WERE NOT MEANT FOR ME.
CINDY!
NO PICTURES, PLEASE!
CINDY!
ONE PHOTOG PARRIED MY WISECRACK WITH "DON'T WORRY. FOR YOU, NO FILM."
AS COUTURE RUBBED ELBOWS WITH CULTURE, THE SOUND OF SMASHING WINEGLASSES COMPETED WITH THE POUNDING DISCO THROB.
OOPS! SORRY!
THANKS, BUT I USUALLY BATHE BEFORE THE PARTY.
THE SERVERS, ALL ACTRESSES OR MODELS, WERE GORGEOUS BUT NOT ADEPT AT BALANCING TRAYS.
WHAT DO YOU SAY TO CALVIN KLEIN WHEN HE SPOTS YOU WEARING ONE OF HIS LESS EXPENSIVE BLACK WOOL SUITS?
UH...
I BUMPED INTO FRED SCHNEIDER, LEAD SINGER OF THE B-52'S...
I'M WRITING A BEAUTY BOOK. ONE PAGE. ONE WORD. "AIRBRUSH."
CHILLS. I'M GETTING CHILLS.
AND THEN I SAW HER. MISS M. MADONNA HERSELF, STANDING NEXT TO ARTHUR SCHLESINGER.
MADONNA! ARTHUR!
WERE THEY THE NEW COUPLE OF THE DECADE?
SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAPITALIZE ON A FRIENDSHIP, I EDGED FORWARD...
LIZ!* IT'S ME. REMEMBER? TELL ME, IS--
OH, HI. SORRY, I CAN'T TALK. WE CAN'T GO OUT THROUGH THE FRONT! CAN WE GET HER OUT ON FORTY-THIRD STREET?
BZZ, BZZ, BZZ?
BZZ!
*LIZ ROSENBERG, MISS M.'S PAL AND PUBLICIST.
REBUFFED, I SLINKED BACK TO MY TABLE TO ASSUAGE MY SHAME WITH A PLATE OF SQUID SEVICHE.
THE FOOD IS REALLY QUITE TASTY.
JUST DON'T ASK FOR A CHAMPAGNE REFILL.
DRINK?
I WONDER WHAT'S HOLDING IT UP?
KRAZY GLUE?
BY THE EVENING'S END, THE SERVERS' EUSTACE TILLY MONOCLES WERE ALL DROOPING... WELL, ALL BUT ONE.
WE LEFT AT TWELVE-THIRTY. OUT IN THE COOL NIGHT AIR, I FINALLY SAW MY CHANCE TO MAKE MY POWER MOVE.
TAXI!
TAXI!
I BEAT OUT GEORGE PLIMPTON FOR A CAB.

BILL GRIFFITH

READ ZIPPY... WEAR ZIPPY... BE ZIPPY!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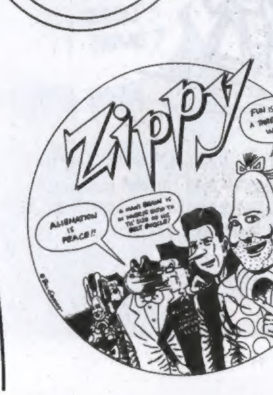
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ALIENATION IS PEACE!!

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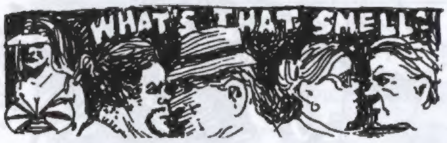
Dear Griffy,

Are you proud and flattered that Zippy's catchphrase, "Are we having fun yet?", has entered our common language, or is the enragement building?

Jonathan J.

Jonathan— I'm proudly enraged. —BG



Dear Mr. Griffith,

Enclosed is a copy of your ZIPPY cartoon which misuses our trademark SPAM. A trademark is always a proper adjective and as such, should be followed by a specific term for which it is associated. In this case, that descriptive term would be luncheon meat. You have used the trademark SPAM as a noun, which could confuse people into believing it is a generic term rather than a trademark. We ask that you use it properly in the future; i. e., "SPAM® luncheon meat sandwich."

Kevin C. Jones, Geo. A. Hormel Co. Law Department

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Dear Bill,

I'm digging the full-length poses *(See ZQ #16, last eight pages)*. So what's the story? Are they reference shots for your Saturday morning kids show for animators to refer to?

Rich Feinberg

Rich— You get the "Amazingly Perceptive Award"! Actually, they're reference shots for a proposed primetime, adult series for animators to refer to. That is, if things don't fall apart as usual in show biz! —BG

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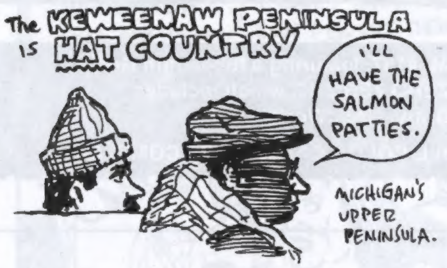
Dear Mr. Griffith,

I am twelve years old. I live in Helendale, CA. I'm in seventh grade. I love Zippy. Thanks for inventing him.

Cayton Waller

(Ed.— Sample Zippy dialogue submitted: "Why yes, doctor, I know if I keep picking my nose I will have brain damage!")


The KEWEENAW PENINSULA IS HAT COUNTRY
I'LL HAVE THE SALMON PATTIES.
MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA.

Dear Griffy,

I've been enjoying your comics since the early 1970's when I found them at a sort of hip general store in downtown Binghamton, NY. The store carried a small selection of organic foods, used clothing, posters, jewelry, incense and essential oils, Dr. Bronner's soap, the cheapest LP's in town and "Tales of the Toad" #1. Keep the good stuff coming! Zippy for President in 2000! Is it the Millennium yet?

Paul Goldschmidt

Dear Griffy,

I'm sorry the Zippy Movie never materialized — it would have been great. I suppose that the Hollywood moguls feel that *Beavis and Butt-Head* are a better investment. People "get" them.

Ed Nossem

Ed—Yeh, but I'm not so sure I'm sorry. But, hey, don't bash "B'n'B." Zippy loves those two lovable lunkheads! —BG

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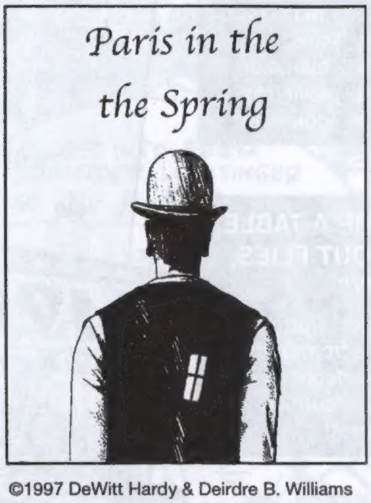
Dear Mr. Griffith,

I enjoy reading your work in the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. I can't say I always "get it," but I always enjoy it and look forward to reading it. Thank you for so much fun and amusement.

Bud Forsythe



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Dear Mr. Griffith,

Have you ever considered a Zippy/Julius Knipl crossover? For instance, there was a character in JK who had erotic dreams about being circumcised by Hollywood starlets. This is something that Claude Funston could get into big time. He confides to Shelf-Life his secret lust for Julia Duffy/Susan Lucci/Lucy Lawless/Morgan Fairchild/Valerie Bertinelli to "cut him down to size" and S. L. immediately sees the profits in catering to a new erotic necessity.

Dennis Morat

Dennis— Ben Katchor's "Julius Knipl" strip is one of my favorites, too. I just doubt that either one of us needs to become any more obscure than we already are. —BG

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Dear Bill,

Flatulent ostriches buying land in Boise! Awkward french fries starved for affection in Versailles! Green larvae flavored Jell-O®, now without polysorbate 80! Mass Geronimo face transplants available now! Get 'em while they're not! Have I got a life yet? NO! It's unconstitutional, I tells ya! Why hasn't Zip guest-starred on *Star Trek*? Or would he feel more at home on the Shopping Channel as a commemorative fondue bowl? Am I commercial enough for ya? Sorry, I gotta go polish my trout! Steel spar bathtubs? Oak finish blintzes! Why did I waste a stamp on this? Because four times a year I can see what my local newspaper is missing! ZQ! Hallelujah! I have seen the light! Too many words hurt my brain...salmon casserole...salmon casserole...salmon casserole... Gobble, gobble. I accept you!

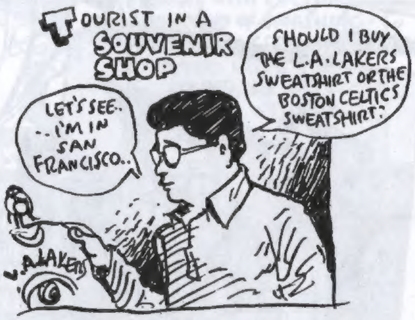
Marc Paskvan

Hi Bill,

Here's a fan letter. I love Zippy. He's so great. He's my fave and so are U. I'm losing my sight. Had a human eye lens in recently. Also have asthma, bad lungs, heart problems, including congestive "failure." It would be a dream come true 4 me 2 hear from U.

Judy Ann Barton

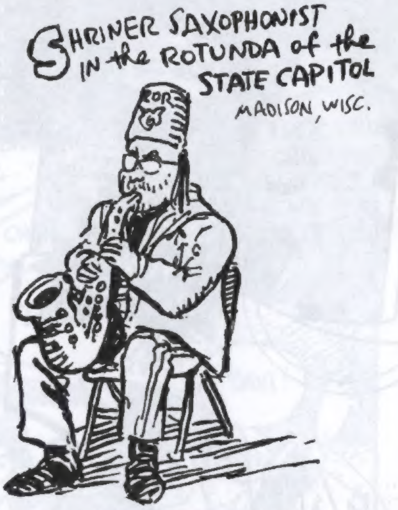
Judy— What, no X-rays? —Griffy


TOURIST IN A SOUVENIR SHOP
SHOULD I BUY THE L.A. LAKERS SWEATSHIRT OR THE BOSTON CELTICS SWEATSHIRT?
LET'S SEE... I'M IN SAN FRANCISCO..
L.A. LAKERS

Dear Mr. Griffith,

As strange as *Zippy* seems to a lot of people, it is for me one of the few sane voices found in popular media today. You have retained your humanity. You care about quality and you want to preserve it. You aren't afraid to speak out when you find something ridiculous. Your work comes form the soul, and this is ever more rare. I cherish good satire, and yours is among the best. For an artist such as yourself, it must be incredibly difficult to resist becoming mainstream, diluting your work to the point where it becomes massively popular, and selling out to the temptations of the mass market. I guess that tension is what makes *Zippy* such a great strip. I think your work must be at least as difficult as tightrope walking, and while I'm sure you get tired I hope you'll keep it going for a good long time. One last point, and an important one. This is the first time in my forty-two years that I've written anyone fan mail.

Scott Spoolman


SHRINER SAXOPHONIST IN the ROTUNDA of the STATE CAPITOL
MADISON, WISC.

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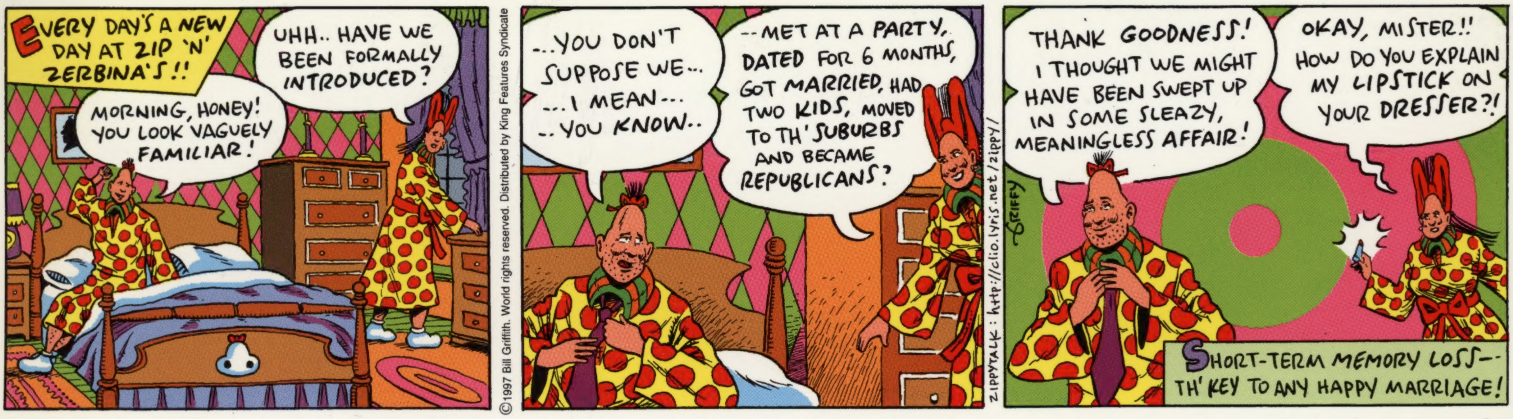
(from a reader in Wash.,D.C.)


EVERY DAY'S A NEW DAY AT ZIP 'N' ZERBINA'S!!
MORNING, HONEY! YOU LOOK VAGUELY FAMILIAR!
UHH.. HAVE WE BEEN FORMALLY INTRODUCED?
...YOU DON'T SUPPOSE WE... ...I MEAN... ..YOU KNOW..
--MET AT A PARTY, DATED FOR 6 MONTHS, GOT MARRIED, HAD TWO KIDS, MOVED TO TH' SUBURBS AND BECAME REPUBLICANS?
ZIPPYTALK: http://clio.lyris.net/zippy/
GRIFFY
THANK GOODNESS! I THOUGHT WE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SWEPT UP IN SOME SLEAZY, MEANINGLESS AFFAIR!
OKAY, MISTER!! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN MY LIPSTICK ON YOUR DRESSER?!
SHORT-TERM MEMORY LOSS-- TH' KEY TO ANY HAPPY MARRIAGE!

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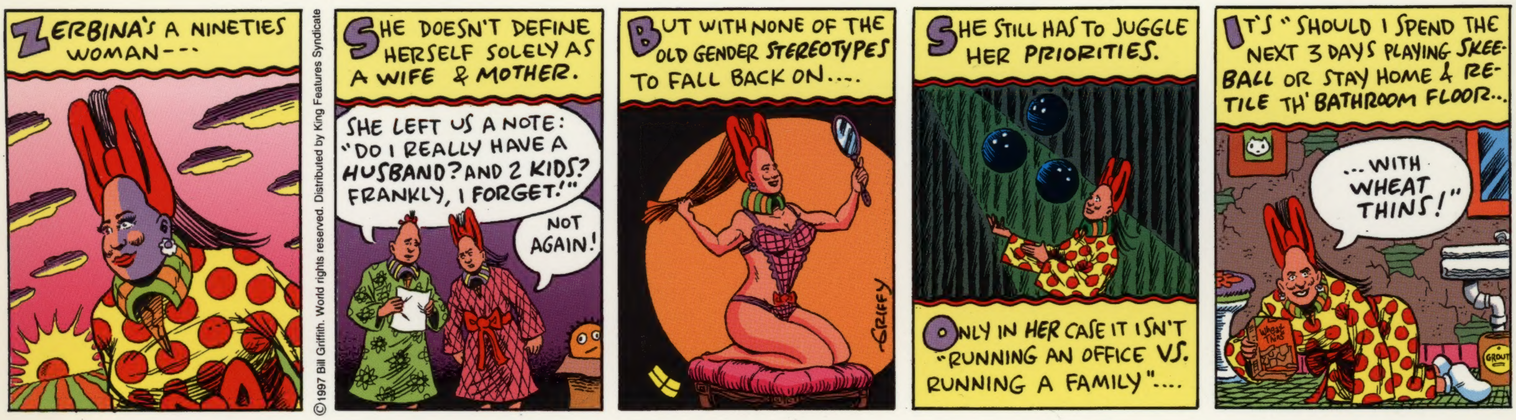
ZERBINA'S A NINETIES WOMAN---
SHE DOESN'T DEFINE HERSELF SOLELY AS A WIFE & MOTHER.
SHE LEFT US A NOTE: "DO I REALLY HAVE A HUSBAND? AND 2 KIDS? FRANKLY, I FORGET!"
NOT AGAIN!
BUT WITH NONE OF THE OLD GENDER STEREOTYPES TO FALL BACK ON....
GRIFFY
SHE STILL HAS TO JUGGLE HER PRIORITIES.
ONLY IN HER CASE IT ISN'T "RUNNING AN OFFICE VS. RUNNING A FAMILY"....
IT'S "SHOULD I SPEND THE NEXT 3 DAYS PLAYING SKEE-BALL OR STAY HOME & RE-TILE TH' BATHROOM FLOOR...
...WITH WHEAT THINS!"
GROUT

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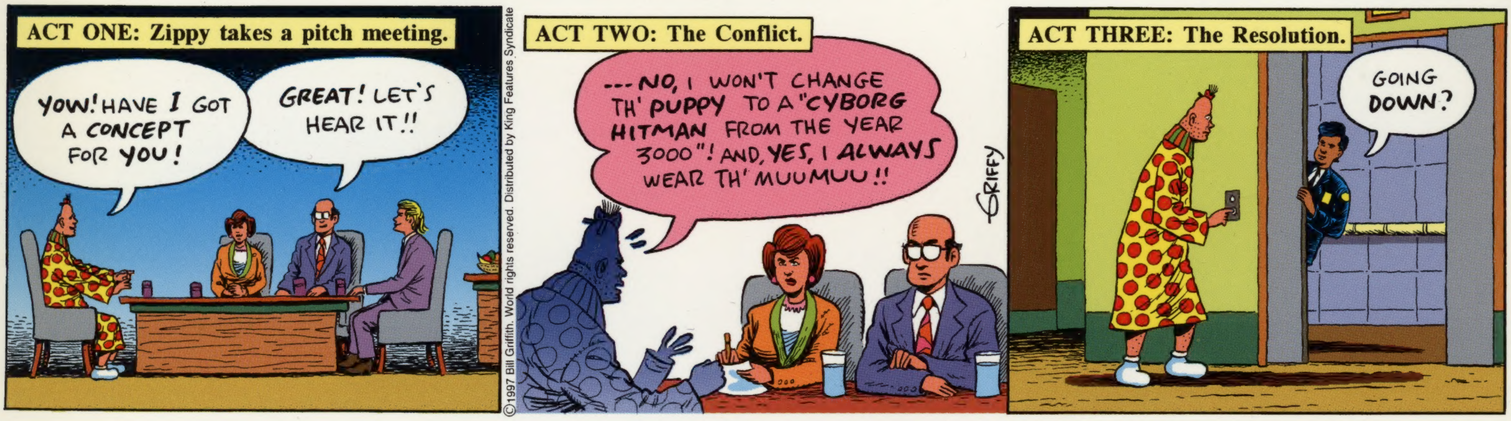
ACT ONE: Zippy takes a pitch meeting.
YOW! HAVE I GOT A CONCEPT FOR YOU!
GREAT! LET'S HEAR IT!!
ACT TWO: The Conflict.
---NO, I WON'T CHANGE TH' PUPPY TO A "CYBORG HITMAN FROM THE YEAR 3000"! AND, YES, I ALWAYS WEAR TH' MUUMUU!!
GRIFFY
ACT THREE: The Resolution.
GOING DOWN?

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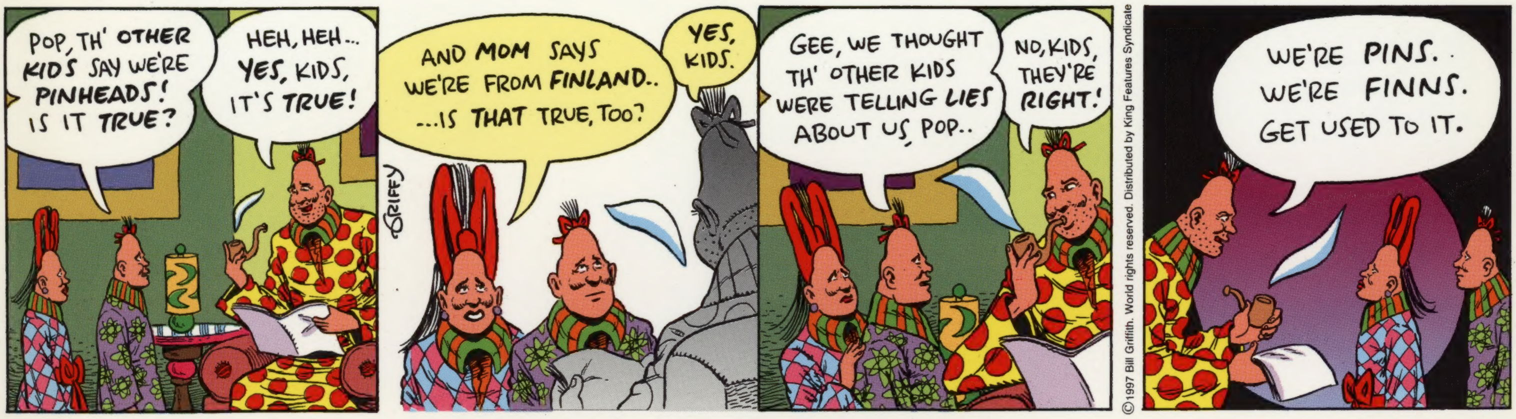
POP, TH' OTHER KIDS SAY WE'RE PINHEADS! IS IT TRUE?
HEH, HEH... YES, KIDS, IT'S TRUE!
GRIFFY
AND MOM SAYS WE'RE FROM FINLAND.. ...IS THAT TRUE, TOO?
YES, KIDS.
GEE, WE THOUGHT TH' OTHER KIDS WERE TELLING LIES ABOUT US, POP..
NO, KIDS, THEY'RE RIGHT!
WE'RE PINS. WE'RE FINNS. GET USED TO IT.

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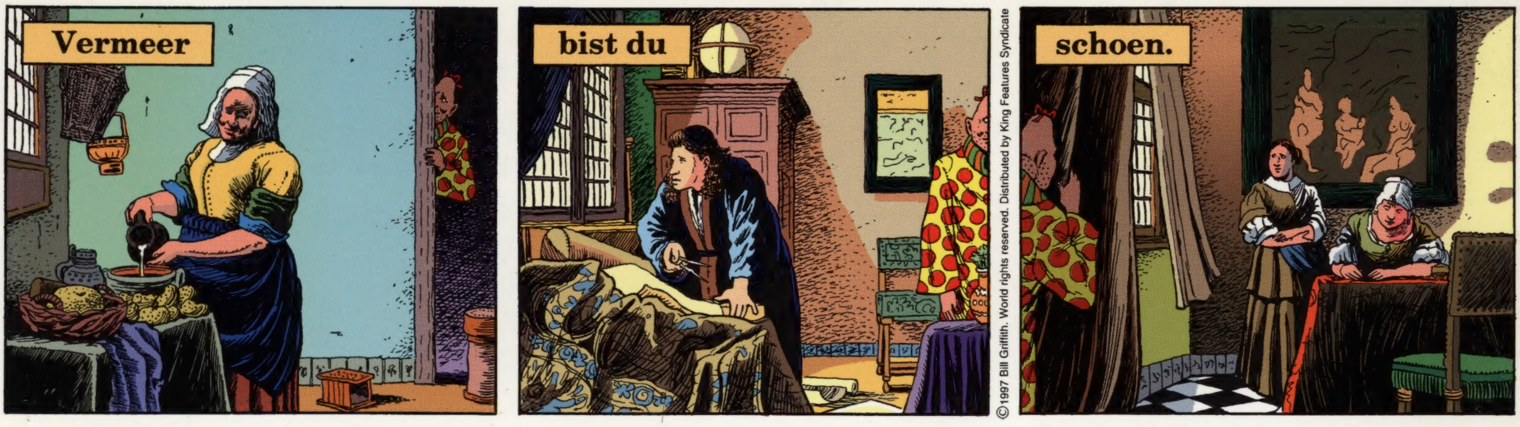
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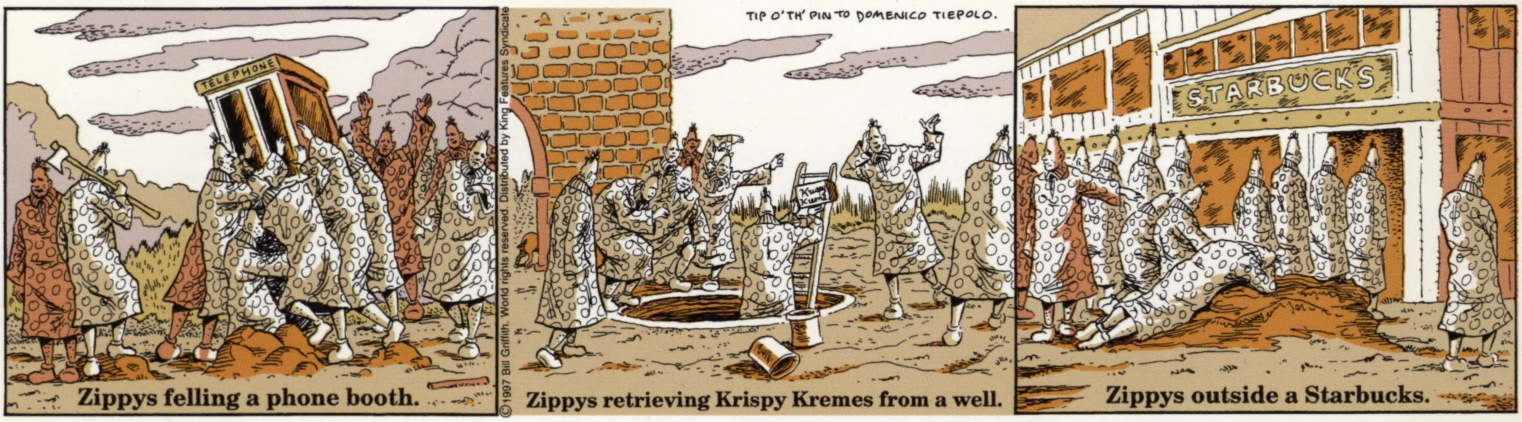
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Zippys felling a phone booth.
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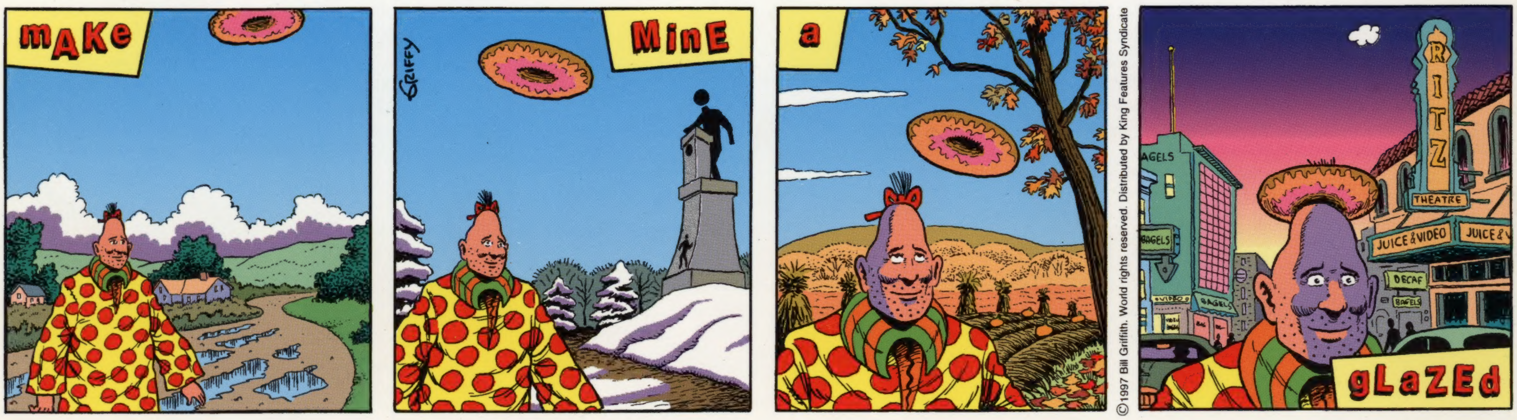
Krispy Kreme
Zippys retrieving Krispy Kremes from a well.
STARBUCKS
Zippys outside a Starbucks.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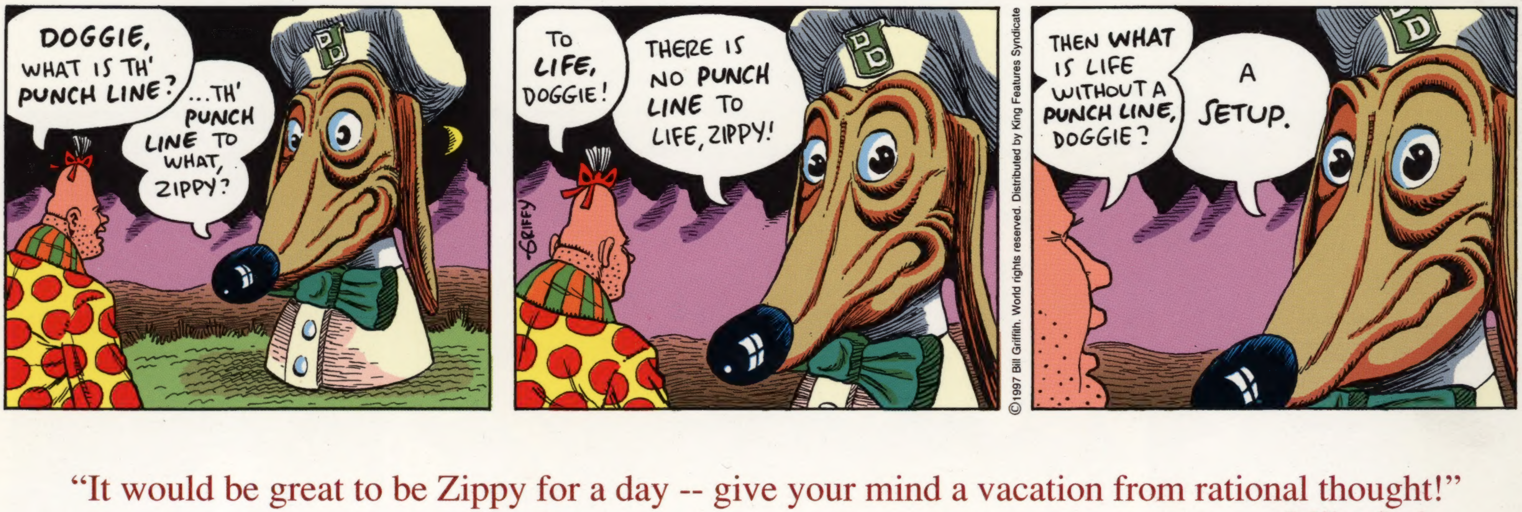
DOGGIE, WHAT IS TH' PUNCH LINE?
...TH' PUNCH LINE TO WHAT, ZIPPY?
TO LIFE, DOGGIE!
THERE IS NO PUNCH LINE TO LIFE, ZIPPY!
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THEN WHAT IS LIFE WITHOUT A PUNCH LINE, DOGGIE?
A SETUP.

> “It would be great to be Zippy for a day -- give your mind a vacation from rational thought!”
> –Mike Judge